



## THE FLYER

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### CO's Message

Season's greetings Team ALC! I hope everyone had an exceptional, very well-deserved Thanksgiving holiday, and I know we're all looking forward to an even better Christmas. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our Team for your dedication and hard work throughout 2018. As I review rough drafts for our Annual Report I am reminded of the exceptional, high quality products and services produced by ALC that enable and support Coast Guard Aviation operations. You absolutely excel at our primary mission by: Assuring Airworthiness and Reliability, Optimizing Logistics, and Ensuring Stewardship Excellence. Everyone at the ALC has a part in at least one of these core strategic objectives. Assuring airworthiness is sometimes a challenge to define or explain to others but you know it when you see it. Simply put airworthiness is the "ability to safely attain, maintain, and terminate flight" and I see it in every one of the 43 PDM'ed aircraft you produced this year. Our thorough PDMs completed on each Coast Guard aircraft every 48 months not only assure airworthiness, but they also minimize depot-level down time at our operational customers, thereby increasing reliability and availability and reinforcing bi-level maintenance, a cornerstone of our Mission Support Business model. The outstanding PDM's completed on SRR and MRR aircraft over the past 30 plus years are the only reason we can even begin to have a conversation about extending them past their original OEM-recommended service lives. The LRS product line similarly extended C-130H service beyond original OEM projections by proving that the Coast Guard takes excellent care of its aircraft, both at PDM and in the field. MRS's efforts on the HC-144 and first-ever C-27J PDM, just completed this year, will no doubt maximize the operational lives of those aircraft. Although Product Lines get to directly oversee PDM, our Support Divisions shore up the entire process by providing the parts, certified processes, contracts, component overhaul, financial management, and information systems delivery necessary to make everything run like clockwork. Thank you all for a hugely successful 2018 at the ALC and for your service to the United States Coast Guard and its aviation operations.



### CMC's Message

So another year has zipped right on by and we now find ourselves in the waning weeks of 2018. This has been another year for the books here at *THE ALC*. Though we dodged some major hurricanes ourselves, we once again stepped up to the plate and hit several homeruns (much like my World Series winning Boston Red Sox!). You all not only "kept 'em flying", but you housed them and their crews, provided on-site mechanical, technical, and moral support, and showed the entire country what the Coast Guard's only Aviation Logistics Center is truly capable of. This year alone, your efforts were essential to saving the lives of several hundred individuals and pets. I am more proud than ever to work with such a remarkable group of people. You can do even more to save lives over the holidays by taking a few minutes out of your day to check in with each other. We all know people who may struggle through this time of year, and your 5 minutes of kindness can make all the difference in the world. Please be safe at home and on the road, drink responsibly, and most of all, have a wonderful holiday season. I can't wait to see what marvelous things we will do in 2019!





## **SITREP 2: Wage Parity**

**Ed Gibbons, XD**

In the last Flyer I outlined a two-step process to gaining approval of CAPT Hartnett's request to include ALC in the Special Wage Rate in the Hampton Roads FWS Region. Step one is the process to gain Coast Guard approval and I targeted the end of Fiscal Year 18 as a goal. Step two is the process to gain approval from the Office of Personnel Management which remains an uncertain timeline. I want to provide you an update on our progress, and maybe the best way is to use the time-tested Cost, Schedule, and Performance approach.

Let's address schedule first. I was admittedly a bit optimistic in my targeting of the end of the fiscal year to complete step one and gain Coast Guard approval. I am happy to report however that the Deputy Commandant of Mission Support, VADM McAllister, has approved our request and has requested adjustment of the FY2020 budget before it goes to Congress. To briefly recap our journey through Headquarters, this request has become the top priority for RDML Bouboulis, and also gained whole hearted endorsements from the Chief of Aeronautical Engineering CAPT MacDonald, the Chief of Aviation Forces CAPT Riedlin, and several other senior officers. Our CG-41 Deputy CDR Powers and Resources Branch Chief CDR Matsuoka have done extraordinary work and although they had to obtain more endorsements than we expected, every signature should be looked at as a vote of confidence in you the ALC Workforce.



The schedule for Step Two, OPM approval, remains somewhat uncertain. We will begin work with CG-1 to make the request of OPM as soon as possible. Once at OPM we can hope for the best, and we will keep in close contact, but I don't dare hazard a guess as to how long it will take. Simultaneously the Deputy Division Chiefs are also developing some PAL changes that will have to occur to ensure our employees are in the precise series with the Special Wage Rate. We are doing our best to be ready if and when OPM approves the request.

Now let's talk about Cost. The amount for this pay increase is \$6.2M which is above the threshold for the Coast Guard's authority to transfer appropriated funds across accounts. The limit of authority in a current fiscal year is \$5M for the entire Coast Guard, which is why it's such good news that CG-41 has been able to advocate the inclusion in the FY2020 budget. But for 2019, this restriction may delay the implementation even after OPM approval, and it makes it very unlikely that the Special Rate could be in place early in the Fiscal Year. The bottom line is that even if approved by OPM, the AFC-08 Civilian Pay account has to be able to absorb the cost in FY19. This is a bridge we'll cross when we come to it, but we have the support of our leadership to implement as soon as possible once approved.

Now let's address the rest of the story, Performance. The primary reason we have gained the support of so many senior officers is due to the respect they have for ALC. Our workforce, to include all who have come before us, has added tremendous value to the Coast Guard. We should keep top of mind that, once this request is approved, their expectations will remain high. I believe ALC always welcomes high expectations because our first loyalty is to the aircrews that put their faith in our products every day, and our shared purpose "To Keep Em flying" holds us to the highest standards. By continuing to focus on our aircrews, we will prove ourselves worthy of this investment.



## HH-65 Echo Project Update

CWO Ken Irsik, SRR

The SRR Product Line achieved another great milestone in the development of the MH65-E (ECHO) on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) aircraft, CGNR 6556, was powered on for the first time in its new configuration. Congratulations are in order to SRR team for the development and process improvements! This is the 200th day CGNR 6556 has been at ALC and the 31st day in assembly. LRIP is the first opportunity for ALC to build an MH-65E using the standard Product Line Production Phases. The conversion of MH65-D to MH-65E includes a service life extension that replaces major structural components along with many avionics enhancements. Since its induction on April 5th, 2018, CGNR 6556 has had a nine degree frame replacement, its forward canopy and side panels replaced, an upgraded instrument panel and avionics rack, as well as redesigned center instrument console installed. With most of the electrical components being replaced or updated, this conversion was the



perfect opportunity to refresh the majority of the aircraft's wire harness. The MH-65E conversion includes nearly a 100% wire harness replacement which will greatly improve the 30 year old assembly and increase fleet reliability and capability. The avionics improvements include the addition of the Rockwell Collins Common Avionics Architecture System, or CAAS, software and hardware suite. This system replaces numerous instrumentation that are quickly becoming obsolete. Use of CAAS and its components allows the MH-65E to share more avionics components with other Coast Guard aircraft, reducing inventory needs, and allowing for future software changes to keep up with fleet requirements and available technology. CGNR 6556 will complete assembly and flight testing this December and will be delivered to the Aviation Training Center in Mobile Alabama, where it will go through an operational test and analysis and be used for initial pilot transition courses. Full production of the MH-65E is scheduled to begin in the first fiscal quarter of 2020 with deliveries to Air Stations in the third quarter of that year.



## **ESD Reutilizes DH Carts**

Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center is receiving almost a million dollars' worth of support equipment after some teamwork with Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) employees in Okinawa, Japan. Logistics Chief Rocky Chavana at the DLA Disposition Services Okinawa site said once personnel at ALC saw the aircraft dehumidifier carts listed on the Reutilization, Transfer & Donation website page a requisition was made. Because they have to pay for shipping items, Chavana said the Coast Guard sent a forward inspection team to visually inspect the carts. "Upon inspection it was decided that 16 carts total would satisfy their requirement," Chavana said, "so the RTD transaction was processed."

The transaction is estimated to be a cost savings of \$906,000 for the Coast Guard. Chavana said four 40-foot cargo shipping containers were delivered to Okinawa for the shipment and additional teamwork by the site staff and the Coast Guard got the equipment loaded.

"After an operational assessment was conducted by management and staff, it was decided that we could offer assistance ... to load and secure the RTD items to successfully complete the requisition," Chavana said. Three personnel from three different parts of the Okinawa staff loaded and secured the carts, and the shipping containers were returned to the shipping port in time to be loaded on the vessel.

Reprinted from Defense Logistics Agency webpage

<http://www.dla.mil/AboutDLA/News/NewsArticleView/Article/1625085/coast-guard-finds-a-bargain-at-okinawa-site/>



CWO McGuire & AMTC Bone inspect several DH carts on the flight line in Okinawa



## MRS Update

### CDR Matt Schibler, MRS

On October 26th, 2018, the MRS Product Line delivered its third HC-144B (CGNR 2306) to the Aviation Training Center (ATC) in Mobile, AL. This delivery was a significant milestone for the USCG HC-144 program having marked the first operational unit to be fully outfitted with the HC-144B aircraft that incorporate the Ocean Sentry Refresh (OSR) avionics upgrade that improves the navigation equipment in the cockpit, the Minotaur mission system that increased functionality of the radar and FLIR turret, and the Block One Upgrade (B1U) that adds ADS-B and IFF Mode 5 level 2 capabilities that are traffic avoidance systems required by the FAA.



The MRS Projects Cell traveled to Mobile with CGNR 2306 and conducted a three-day upgrade and training session that included upgrading ATC Mobile's two existing HC-144B aircraft with the B1U TCTO. Concurrently, MRS conducted approximately 80 hours of hands-on training for 12 ATC Mobile technicians who will now be maintaining the newly upgraded avionics and mission systems.

The Medium Range Surveillance (MRS) division is now preparing for its next HC-144B delivery to Air Station Corpus Christi before the end of calendar year 2018. With this delivery, Air Station Corpus Christi will have their first operational HC-144B with their remaining two to be delivered by summer 2019.



### COA Alumni in IOD

The College of the Albemarle (COA) honored alumni at the monthly IOD awards ceremony, October 24, 2018 at ATTC. Over 40 current IOD civilian and contract employees have attended COA, with 35 associate degrees or technical certificates awarded. Many IOD shops are heavily dependent on the training and skillsets developed at COA. Pictured are IOD employees with (l.) Thomas Fulcher - COA Board of Trustees, and (r.) Dr. Robert Wynegar - COA President.



## Chief Financial Officer Visits ALC



CDR Craig Murray, SRR

On Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, ALC had the pleasure of hosting Rear Admiral Allan who is the Coast Guard's Chief Financial Officer as the head of CG-8. In this capacity, he is responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard.

Prior to meeting with all ALC Divisions to understand how ALC implements the Mission System Business Model, which is used throughout the Coast Guard as a benchmark for program management, Admiral Allan talked about the realities of an austere fiscal outlook in the near future and the importance of making risk based funding allocation decisions, given the expectation of a "flat budget" forecast.

Rear Admiral Allan is a career operations ashore officer with tours across multiple units with a concentration in boat forces operations. His operational tours include Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON, Senior Watch Officer at the Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center, Response Department Head and Deputy Group Commander for Sector Charleston, and as the Commander of Sector Jacksonville, serving as the Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator.

A native of Bowie, Maryland, Rear Admiral Allan graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management; later earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland; and recently completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

Admiral Allan took interest in the capability improvements and service life extension provided by the \$391M MH-65E acquisition.

In addition to SFLC, FINCEN and the Yard, ALC was one of several Coast Guard centers of excellence RADM Allan intended to visit, as our Assistant Commandant for Resources.

**The holiday season is a time full of joy, cheer, parties and family gatherings. However, for many people, it is a time of self-evaluation, loneliness, reflection of past failures, and anxiety about an uncertain future. If you need help, contact CG SUPRT any time for free, confidential counseling and support for Coast Guard members, selected reservists, civilians and their family at 855-CG-SUPRT (247-8778) or go to [www.cgsuprt.com](http://www.cgsuprt.com).**



## Cooley Accepted into IPAP

The Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) is a program that accepts applicants E4-E7 and Officers with less than 5 years to attend Physician Assistant (PA) training at Fort Sam Houston. The program is a total of 29 months which includes 16 months of highly didactic classroom learning and the remainder in an intense clinical rotation through various DoD facilities. At the end of the program the graduate will receive a Master's Degree and will be commissioned as a LTJG. To qualify for the program the applicant must be at least a Health Service Technician or an EMT-B, must have at least 60 semester hours and a range of specific courses such as Biochemistry, Anatomy and Physiology. Applicants must also have a minimum SAT score of 1430 and must obtain at least 100 patient care hours in a clinical setting shadowing a Coast Guard PA.

Petty Officer Cooley is an Advance EMT with over 250 hours of patient care time and after many years of applying and perseverance she was finally selected to the program as the #1 candidate. In August, she will begin her journey into the fascinating world of medicine and hopes to one day return to Elizabeth City as an Aviation Physician Assistant (APA).

AMT1 Cooley says, "I have been in the Coast Guard for 18 years and started pursuing the PA program about 8 years ago. I decided to pursue this program after working in the Emergency Room during Hurricane Katrina where I discovered a love for medicine. The PA program was perfect for me as it allowed me to pursue this passion while still serving in a service that I love. Also, due to my rating and position as aircrewman, I have a working knowledge of the damage our bodies endure and the opposition aviators have to seeking medical treatment due to fear of grounding and that is something I definitely wanted to change. I intimately understand the mission and the dedication the crew has to that mission but my goal is to allow them continue successfully while maintain their health."



## Happy New Year!



You may think that these words of celebration are about a month too early; however, 30 September 2018 marked the last day of fiscal year 2018. Additionally, 15 November marks the conclusion of the independent audit over the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Financial Statements. ALC responded to 168 financial audit requests over this period from the Coast Guard's external auditor, KPMG, and received only two Notice of Finding and Recommendations. For the sixth year in a row, DHS received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion. Thanks to all the hard work of Team ALC for making this financial audit season a success!



## What is ACATS?

ACATS is an acronym that stands for Automatic Circuit Analysis Test Systems and the program is part of ESD's Airworthiness Sustainment Branch. ACATS provides automatic wiring testing to check the proper configuration, operation and condition of our aging aircraft wiring. Testing can be performed on the entire aircraft wiring harness system or specific portions as requested or required. Currently the MH-60 and MH-65 have full aircraft test programs in use to check their entire aircraft Electrical



Wiring Interconnect Systems (EWIS), with the HC-144's test program in development.

Automatic Wiring Analyzers (AWAs) are a subset of ACATS and are used to test Control Panels, Modules, assemblies and sub-assemblies. At the testing facility's request, typically the Industrial Operations Division, the ACATS team will develop the Test Program Set (TPS) to check the component. The TPS consists of the AWA computer test program and the Test Adapter Cables (TACs), which are used to connect the AWA to the component being checked. The TPS enables the test facility to automatically and simultaneously check all wiring circuits and components quickly. Harness Shop 234 employs an AWA to test harness builds and modifications. Avionics Shop 233 uses a new DIT-MCO Multi-Bus Architecture tester with programmable AC and DC Power Supplies that allows for more complete Control Panel/Module testing to active components such as relays, contactors, fans, blowers, panel lighting, as well as performing voltage/no-voltage testing through switches and rheostats.

Many changes have occurred with the ACATS program lately. All computers used for program development and for tester operation moved to a standalone ACATS Network and new tester (DIT-MCO) software is being utilized. These changes were implemented in an effort to upgrade the test speeds and accuracy through fewer equipment communication failures and lockups. Additionally, the changes allow a more thorough and accurate check of the product being tested. New programming techniques make many of these operations seamless and transparent to the test operator.

The ACATS Program is staffed by Program Manager Paul J. Sassin and 4 Contractor programmers. The ACATS group can be contacted via email at D05-SMB-ALC-ESD-ASB-ACATS.





## **GS-Civilian of the Quarter**

Ms. Debora Plymel of the SRR Contracting Branch was selected as the GS—Civilian Employee of the third quarter 2018. Ms. Plymel, is a Contract Specialist assigned to the SRR Product Line and has exhibited tremendous leadership, commitment to service, and provided countless hours of support to the USCG over the past year, most notably in support of the contract award to Safran. One of ALC's cornerstone contract vehicles the MH65 Engine Support by the Hour contract is valued at approximately \$114M for comprehensive support services for the Arriel 2C2CG engines. Those services include depot repair, overhaul, modification, asset accountability, tooling, test equipment, management, and logistical support. While working on the new award, Deb has continued to support the current contract while working on multiple facets of the follow-on contract effort. She has worked alongside numerous customers, and has had to pick up the pre-award already in progress and continue forward momentum. Throughout 2017 and 2018, Deb has also participated in several negotiation sessions for the Safran project, traveling twice to the Dallas, TX area. She was able to make key suggestions and implement improvements to the negotiation documentation that resulted in cost savings of over \$1.5M to the Government over the life of this contract. Please thank Deb for her hard work!



## **WG-Civilian of the Quarter**

Mr. Parker Long of the MRS Product Line was selected as the Wage Grade Civilian Employee of the third quarter of 2018. Mr. Long works as an Electrical Work Leader where he oversees the progress of the electrical and avionic functions of C-144 PDMS, but additionally, he is also is the lead civilian for the OSR/Minotaur Mod Line Aircraft. In this past quarter, Mr. Long endured and conquered many hurdles on the start-up of the HC-144 dual mod-line. He effectively dealt with shortages of personnel, material, and continual data changes to keep CGNR 2306 progressing forward as it tracks to be the first mod line aircraft to be delivered from MRS' dual mod-line configuration. Parker has also spent countless hours configuring the Telephonics hanger for initial use and then cleared all other logistic obstacles that have cropped up since beginning of the Mod Line. The Ocean Sentry Refresh and MINOTAUR projects will make the C144 more sustainable, but also far more capable for the operator. Please congratulate Parker and thank him for his efforts.



**Happy Holidays!** As 2018 comes to an end, take a look at the **ALC Schedule for Mandated Training** to be sure you are up to date: <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/alc/bod/Shared%20Documents/ALCMandatedTraining.pdf>  
**Check your safety/environmental mandatory training compliance at the following link and click on "CIV/MIL Training Tracker" to find your shop.**

<https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/alc/seho/Lists/SEHO%20TRAINING/AllItems.aspx>



# Aviation Logistics Command Annual Holiday Party

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

PHOTO BOOTH, DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE,  
UGLIEST SWEATER, DANCING, & MORE!!!!

Cocktail Hour: 1700-1800

Dinner: 1800-2000

Dancing & Merriment: 2000-????

Attire: Christmas Casual Dress

Dinner: Adkins Catering

Full Holiday Menu!

E2-E4 \$15.00 per ticket

E5-E6 \$20.00 per ticket

E7-E9 & all Officers \$25.00 per ticket

Chief Petty Officer Association

13 Cardwell St.

Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Childcare Provided by Grace Montessori between the hours of 1800-2200

For up to 30 children (all ages). Pizza/drinks included.

104 Commercial Blvd. (near Wal-Mart)

Elizabeth City, NC 27909

**\*Contact SKC Coulter for sign-ups and questions\***





## Enlisted Person of the Quarter

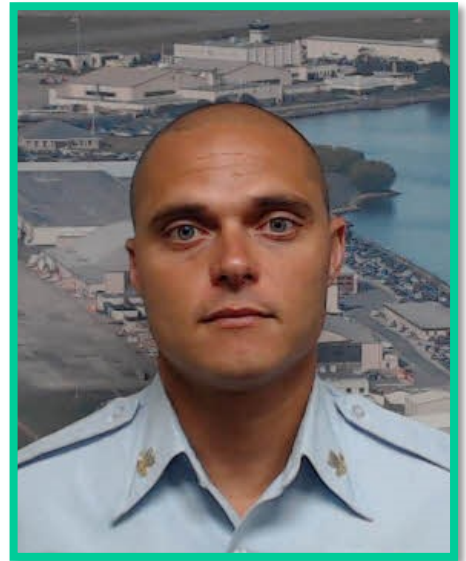
ALC's Chief Petty Officers have selected Avionics Electrical Technician First Class (AET1) Luiz "Felipe" Leal as the Enlisted Person of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2018. Demonstrating utmost professionalism and outstanding communication skills, AET1 Leal meticulously led nine shop activity inspections, results of which identified over 110 non-conformities to ALC policy. He routinely mentored those inspected by recommending methods to correct the non-conformities, significantly strengthening ALC's safety posture and external ISO auditor readiness while supporting ALC's production and manufacturing efforts.

AET1 Leal accepted a last minute ferry flight request from ALC's Short Range Recovery Division to Air Station New Orleans (NOLA), where he completed two aircraft transfers, one to NOLA and one from NOLA to ALC. AET1 Leal's familiarity with the aircraft ferry and transfer process was key to this successful evolution.

He expertly administered more than twenty ALC QA certification tests and managed the administrative responsibilities associated with the QA certification program. He identified a need to modify the ALC lost tool reporting form, ESD 30, adding an area of Division QA/Supervisor responsibility, which was successfully implemented. He also completed six surveillance events, where several non-conformities to ALC Instructions were immediately corrected.

AET1 Leal is ALC's Meals on Wheels Coordinator; during the last quarter he scheduled twelve volunteer events and participated in seven. During normal liberty, AET1 Leal volunteered with Evolve GT, a motorcycle organization dedicated to the safety of motorcycle operators. He traveled a combined 24 hours for eight events in his POV to volunteer as an advanced skills coach who taught classroom and hands-on training to over 40 riders including active duty, veterans and retired military members.

AET1 Leal expertly directed the lifesaving efforts required to return two of his neighbors, one unresponsive, back to stable condition, directing the administration of CPR and coordinating the EMS response efforts. Once EMS arrived on scene, he took charge of the "emotional" first-aid by tending to the immediate family members' needs freeing up critical time that the rescue workers required to administer urgent medical attention to the new patients. His actions led to the saving of two people. Bravo Zulu! Please take a minute to congratulate PO Leal.



## CPOA Volunteer of the Year

During the Fall CCTI on October 31, 2018, ALD's Wilbur "Biff" Baker was honored with the Elizabeth City CPOA's Chapter 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award. Chief Baker (MKC retired) has selflessly given countless hours of his time over the past year to the CPOA Chapter performing anything that is needed at the Escape Hatch (CPO building on Cardwell St.) or for the many events that the CPOA and CGEA has held. Congratulations "Biff" and Bravo Zulu from all your co-workers at ALC!



## US Forest Service HC-130H Support

LCDR Garrett Faulkner, LRS

Recent Western United States forest fires are contributing to an already historic fire season. The USCG, through the LRS product line has been contributing to the firefighting effort through a relationship with the US Forest Service (USFS) and the US Air Force. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2014 required the USCG to transfer seven demilitarized USCG HC-130H aircraft to the USFS to establish a federal firefighting air tanker program. This transfer was a joint effort by USCG and US Air Force to complete depot level overhaul, center wing box replacements, and firefighting tanker modifications of all seven aircraft. While these aircraft awaited tanker modification, the LRS Product Line supported interim firefighting capabilities for the USFS through the use of a maintenance detachment located in Sacramento, CA. This maintenance detachment, led by CWO Dana Hoblitzell, consisted of five active duty members and provided maintenance expertise, quality assurance, logistics support, and technical authority over a small group of USFS contractors. Using a palletized Modular Airborne Firefighting System, these USFS aircraft flew during three different fire seasons and dropped more than 1.4 million gallons of retardant, fighting 199 wildfires across the western United States. To support this effort, CWO Hoblitzell developed customized maintenance plans with the goal of providing 100% availability during six-month fire seasons for two aircraft. He dedicated the off-season to heavy maintenance requirements and intrusive structural inspections due to the high severity factors flown by these aircraft while fighting turbulent, hot mountainous conditions. This maintenance detachment enabled 700 incident-free flight hours with a 94% dispatch reliability index and 73% aircraft availability. Recently the NDAA 2014 was amended through congressional action of NDAA 2019, to transfer these aircraft to the State of California Fire Department (commonly known as Cal Fire) instead of the USFS. November 30<sup>th</sup> was the last day of the USCG and USFS agreement. USFS's air tanker program manager, Ezequiel "Rock" Parrilla, recognized the maintenance detachment for its dedication to the program. LRS's Sacramento maintenance detachment will continue to support the transfer of these aircraft to Cal Fire in a more limited capacity, with four aircraft in temporary storage to await USAF overhaul and tanker modification. Other members of the Sacramento maintenance detachment include: AMTCS Jason Wynn (departed June 2018), AETC Andy Basset (departed June 2018), AETCS Scott Paolino (departed June 2017), AETC Pete Trappen (remaining), and AMT1 Jeremiah Kelley (remaining).



USFS's air tanker program manager, Ezequiel "Rock" Parrilla, recognized the maintenance detachment lead, CWO Dana Hoblitzell, for his teams dedication to the program.

## COA Manufacturing Day

Members of IOD participated in COA's Annual Advanced Manufacturing Day at the Currituck campus. Pictured left to right are Josh Baker, Thomas Simpson, CWO Panek, Chris Waugaman, Joseph Moxley, John Berry and Matt Bragg.





## **MRR Assists with Hurricane Florence**

During the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, MRR's End-of-Line shop personnel worked with Air Station Elizabeth City to assist with the increase in aircraft maintenance due to the response efforts for Hurricane Florence. This team of professionals included AET1 Jarrod Pickering, AMT1 Tim Kuklewski, AET1 Marty Mitchell, AMT2 John Anderson, AET2 Chris Clay, AMT2 Derek Ross, AMT2 Tommy Gilbert and AMT2 Jared Weeks. In addition to ALC maintenance requirements, this team helped prepare for Coast Guard mission response efforts by helping complete a multitude of maintenance tasks including post-flight and thru-flight inspections, tail landing gear strut services, repairing a tail-rotor tip cap, and troubleshooting and repairing a radar altimeter. Their efforts allowed Air Station Elizabeth City to fly over 229 hours, save 185 lives and assist 99 more.

In addition to supplying maintenance personnel, the MRR department also temporarily transferred CGNR 6008 to Air Station Elizabeth City. CGNR 6008 is MRR's operational testing and evaluation aircraft. During the Hurricane Florence response, 6008 was flown over 45 hours in support of search and rescue efforts.

Still recovering from response efforts of Hurricane Florence, Air Station Elizabeth City once again called on MRR for assistance in getting their maintenance program back on track. From October 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, MRR's AMT2 Derek Ross and AMT2 Tommy Gilbert participated on a maintenance team to assist Air Station Elizabeth City in the completion of a 200-hour inspection. Though normally a 10-day evolution, AMT2 Ross's and AMT2 Gilbert's hard work and technical expertise allowed the maintenance to be completed in just 5 days. Through their hard work, Air Station Elizabeth City was able to complete multiple high visibility missions and return to a more normal maintenance schedule. Bravo Zulu for a job well done!



MH-60Ts at the ready at Air Station Elizabeth City during Hurricane Florence response.



# Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips

ESFi



**1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.**

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.



**2. Do not overload electrical outlets.**

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.



**3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.**

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.



**4. Keep tree fresh by watering daily.**

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.



**5. Use battery-operated candles.**

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).



**6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.**

A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).



**7. Protect cords from damage.**

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.



**8. Check decorations for certification label.**

Decorations not bearing a label from an Independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.



**9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.**

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).



**10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.**

Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (NFPA)





## Honoring Our Heritage—Chiefs answer call to serve

PAC Timothy Tamargo, NSFCC

On a stormy Friday in late October a group of Coast Guard Chiefs took the charge to restore and preserve Coast Guard history on the outer banks of North Carolina in a town called Rodanthe by installing a new fence around the cemetery where the final resting place of a Coast Guard legend Rasmus S. Midgett stands.

The fence that originally bordered the cemetery was in deep disrepair, and it was unclear how long that it had protected the site. After removal of the rotting fence, a new fence began to take shape with materials that were donated by people joining the cause.

The initiative was part of an ongoing community service project where Coast Guard members volunteered their own time, materials, and manual labor to honor the local gravesites and heritage of original Life-Saving Service and Coast Guard personnel.

A Coast Guard hero, Rasmus Midgett was a surfman with the Chicamacomico U.S. Life-Saving Station, who on August 18, 1899, rescued crew members from the barkentine Priscilla. Working alone, Rasmus swam to the wreckage three miles south of the Gull Shoal Station to assist the survivors who were too exhausted to swim ashore. He received a Gold Lifesaving Medal for this historic rescue from the Secretary of the Treasury in October, 1899.

Also buried in the cemetery is Arthur Vanburen Midgett, who also received a Gold Lifesaving Medal as one of the Chicamacomico Station's surfmen who participated in the famous Mirlo rescue.

"We gathered here to today to uncover and resurrect a hero's memory from our proud history." said Chief Petty Officer Levi Berg at a ceremony after the build. "Nature's advancement upon the resting place of the many here has been unchallenged for too long. Midgett family lore will no longer be hidden from view by the vines of neglect. The creation of our service was blended in this soil and churned in the neighboring sea by men and women of considerable character and unwavering commitment. We stand here as the patrons of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Be proud today in knowing that you worked together in revealing something greater than a story, you are upholding the core values of the United States Coast Guard. With action and voice the memories and culture of the past will strengthen our future. Thank you all for coming and supporting a noble cause."

The volunteers for the clean-up project included members of the First Flight Chiefs Mess from units including Sector Field Office Nags Head, Station Hatteras Inlet, Air Station Elizabeth City, National Strike Force, Aviation Technical Training Center, and the Aviation Logistics Center.



## Recent ALC Awards

September 1 through November 30

### CG Commendation Medal

AET1 Brittany Bryant  
AMTC Ernesto Ortegon

### CG Achievement Medal

AMT1 Richard Bryant

### CG Commandant's Letter of Commendation

AET1 Luis Leal  
AMT1 Derrick Navarro

### CG Good Conduct Medal

AST1 Robert Updike 5th  
AETC Jason Browning 6th  
AMTC Curtis Bryant 6th

### Civilian Length of Service

Bryan Barclift 25 yrs.  
Terry Self 20 yrs.  
Jake Harshberger 15 yrs.  
Kevin White 15 yrs.  
Hewitt Langford 10 yrs.  
Patricia Nash 10 yrs.  
Douglas Price 10 yrs.  
Bruce Rader 10 yrs.  
Rodney Taylor 10 yrs.  
Terry Weeks 10 yrs.  
John Williams 10 yrs.  
Stephen Wilmouth 10 yrs.  
Timothy Anderson 5 yrs.  
Mark Clark 5 yrs.  
Arthur Griffiths 5 yrs.  
William Hicks 5 yrs.  
Shauna McLarney 5 yrs.  
Robert Wiseman 5 yrs.

## Holiday Happenings

### Friday, 30 November

5:30PM End of Hurricane Season Party  
CPOA Qtrs.—Tickets

6:30PM Holiday Humbug  
Arts of Albemarle—Tickets

### Saturday, 1 December

7-11AM Pancake Breakfast (Santa @ 9)  
CPOA Qtrs.— Fee

9AM-4PM Appalachian Christmas  
Museum of the Albemarle

11:30-3:30 PM Children's Holiday Party  
CG Base—MWR near gym

5:30PM Elizabeth City Christmas Parade  
Ehringhaus St. to Main St. to Water St.

### Friday, 7 December

4-5:30PM Gingerbread Workshop  
Museum of the Albemarle—Reg. Fee

5-7PM First Friday Art Walk  
Downtown Elizabeth City

7PM Lighted Boat Parade  
Elizabeth City Waterfront

### Saturday, 8 December

9AM-3PM CG Spouses Holiday Bazaar  
CPOA Qtrs.

### Sunday, 9 December

4PM Albemarle Chorale Christmas Concert  
First United Methodist Church, S. Road St.

### Tuesday, 11 December

11AM -1PM ALC Chiefs Mess Crew Appreciation Meal  
Hangar 7 (Active Duty Only)

### Thursday, 13 December

7:30AM-Noon Safety Stand Down (Active Duty Only)  
ECSU K. E. White Center

5PM ALC Military Holiday Party  
CPOA Qtrs.—Tickets

### Friday, 14 December

7-9PM City Sounds Music Series  
Arts of the Albemarle—Fee

### Saturday, 15 December

Noon Wreaths Across America  
New Hollywood Cemetery

7PM I'll Be Home for Christmas—Corey Bradford  
Arts of Albemarle—Tickets

## Children's Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 1**

**11:30am — 3:30pm**

**MWR Gym & Local Area**

**. Santa Arrives at 11:45am**

**. Picture with Santa**

**. Crafts, Skating Rink**

**. Pizza, Juice, Cider, Cocoa**

**\*Some events outside, bring a jacket**