MILESTONES/AROUND BOEING

Anthony Richter, 21 Years James Robin, 22 Years Johnny Rodgers, 18 Years William Roix, 18 Years Ann Rose, 27 Years Stephen Rundell, 31 Years M.J. Sanker, 20 Years Gary Saugstad, 10 Years John Schramm, 25 Years Rocco Serena, 28 Years Arthur Serrano, 30 Years Ronald Shaffer, 40 Years Rodney Sherbahn, 11 Years Gerald Shields, 30 Years Dave Shipp, 22 Years Larry Shirk, 41 Years Deborah Shoemaker, 26 Years Thomas Silkett, 33 Years Harry Smith, 20 Years Patricia Smith, 26 Years Stephen Smith, 26 Years Peter Snyder, 31 Years Jerry Soltow, 16 Years Andrew Sosnicky, 7 Years Kathy Sroufe, 31 Years Philip Sroufe, 31 Years Sharon Stauffer, 24 Years Mark Stelzer, 37 Years Elaine Stephenson, 17 Years Donald Stoulil, 22 Years Albert Strain, 40 Years Sherry Straker, 27 Years Ruth Striby, 7 Years

Pamela Strong, 21 Years John Suermann, 5 Years Dominick Szechenyi, 34 Years Gerald Taylor, 40 Years Victor Teyechea, 24 Years Hue Thai, 17 Years Richard Thomasson, 24 Years Neil Thorene, 33 Years Patricia Tomlinson, 18 Years Marilynn Traupmann, 13 Years Phyllis Trump, 16 Years Thomas Turrentine, 17 Years David Tyner, 32 Years Charles Underwood, 40 Years Cristina Vegas, 30 Years Clifford Viter, 37 Years Sharon Vote, 25 Years Cuong Vu, 15 Years Thomas Waddell, 39 Years Joseph Wallin, 40 Years Jerald Warren, 38 Years Robert Webb, 20 Years David Webster, 30 Years Larry Whalen, 14 Years Bruce Wheeler, 26 Years Joe Whitney, 33 Years John Williams, 16 Years Otis Wilson, 20 Years Theodore Wilson, 41 Years Steven Wood, 28 Years Terry Woods, 20 Years Roberta Wright, 25 Years Randall Zahnow, 19 Years

IN MEMORIAM

The Boeing Company offers condolences to the families and friends of the following employees, whose deaths recently have been reported.

Donald Boespflug, test & evaluation engineering manager; service date April 30, 1978; died Feb. 8

William Bright Sr., sheet metal assembly & riveter; service date Aug. 3, 1987; died Jan. 16

Michael Davis, carpenter/millwright/maintenance; service date Jan. 8, 1976; died Jan. 14

David de Guise, software engineer; service date March 7, 1993; died Jan. 18
 Michael Epstein, compensation specialist; service date May 14, 1979; died Jan. 23
 Alan Gherardini, test & evaluation lab technician; service date Aug. 21, 1989; died Jan. 30
 Abraham Gutierrez, facility maintenance specialist; service date Feb. 25, 2005; died Jan. 28

Donna Harvey, administrative assistant; service date May 13, 1996; died Jan. 25
Brett Humphrys, software engineer; service date April 16, 1988; died Feb. 3
Allen Hurinenko, assembly installer structure mechanic; service date Sept. 17, 1986; died Jan. 23

Paul Meier, engineer; service date Feb. 20, 1985; died Feb. 8
 Ahmad Qazi, engineer/scientist; service date May 11, 1990; died Jan. 30
 Azad Rahman, guidance navigation & control engineer; service date Feb. 18, 1980; died Jan. 13

Timothy Smith, shipping & receiving inspector; service date Aug. 4, 1988; died Jan. 14
 Kevin Swanke, engineer/scientist/manager; service date April 9, 1979; died Jan. 21
 John Trent, programmer/analyst/engineer/scientist; service date June 21, 1989; died Jan. 14

Walter Visinsky, systems engineer; service date July 1, 1997; died Feb. 3

Daniel Westcott, technical data designer; service date May 8, 1989; died Jan. 13

Rebecca Wilson, network designer; service date May 4, 1988; died Feb. 1

AROUND BOEING

BOEING BOOSTS PRESENCE IN INDIA AND POLAND

Boeing last month opened an office in Poland and relocated its New Delhi office to larger facilities.

"Boeing is expanding its regional presence in recognition of emerging business opportunities and to strengthen relationships with potential customers and suppliers," said Laurette Koellner, president of Boeing International.

The new facilities are in

- New Delhi. The new facility in this city in India marks an expansion of Boeing's previous office, which first opened in December 2003. The team at the new site includes personnel from Commercial Airplanes, Integrated Defense Systems, Boeing International and Shared Services Group. "The strong, enterprisewide group based in New Delhi will be working closely together as one team under one roof to shape the market, win new business and make our customers successful," said Ian Thomas, president of Boeing India.
- Warsaw, Poland. This regional office represents Boeing interests in Central and Eastern Europe. It's headed by Henryka Bochniarz, who was appointed president of Boeing Central and Eastern Europe in July.

Working with the New Delhi and Warsaw teams, SSG designed efficient spaces that can adjust to meet changing market demands.

Austrian Airlines gets another 777

Boeing delivered the fourth 777-200ER (Extended Range) jetliner to Austrian Airlines in late January. The delivery is the latest step in Austrian Airlines' initiative to simplify its fleet and reduce the costs of its long-haul fleet. In the future, Austrian Airlines will operate an all-Boeing long-haul fleet of 777s and 767s.





Aerospace subsystems technician Wayne Woodard inspects a piece of electronic hardware for visible irregularities in the satellite factory in El Segundo, Calif. As part of a Lean manufacturing improvement effort, the Form and Tin team streamlined the system and significantly reduced cycle time.

S&IS strikes gold

N&SS division earns Calif. excellence award

By MICHELLE ROBY

Jim Schultz, when he heard the news that Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems became the fourth-ever organization to receive a California Award for Performance Excellence Gold Level award for large manufacturing.

S&IS, a 12,000-employee division of IDS' Network & Space Systems, is Boeing's center for all intelligence and government/commercial space systems. The award announcement took place in January.

"For a moment, I was shocked that we had exceeded our goals," said Schultz, S&IS director of Quality & Program Management/Business Excellence, and

who led the award effort. "We hoped to reach Silver. I was welling with pride for my team, for myself, and, most of all, for S&IS that we achieved Gold."

The prestigious award, sponsored by the California Council for Excellence, recognizes organizations in California based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program criteria for performance excellence.

"The award—which is about results—is shared by every person in S&IS," said Howard Chambers, vice president and general manager of S&IS. "Not just in one area, but across all operations, everyone helped improve our growth and profitability. I'm proud to see this division being recognized outside of Boeing for what I see every day."

Among the initiatives leveraged by S&IS was Lean+ manufacturing.

"We achieved AS9100 and CMMI Level 5 (two internationally accepted quality

standards), by drawing Lean best practices from IDS locations in Anaheim, Canoga Park, Mesa and Long Beach. And those tools enabled us to achieve the Gold level award," said Schultz.

While awarded at a state level, the application process extended across the United States. Teams from Virginia, Maryland, Colorado, Maine and Washington state convened to address

challenges and issues.

"This journey forced us to work outside our normal functional boundaries," said Schultz. "For me, the best part was seeing groups that traditionally haven't teamed with each other work jointly to develop strategies and approaches that bring various segments of S&IS closer together."

"When I looked more closely at how we add value for our customers, I was reminded of what this division does for the United States," said Chambers.

Chambers added that Boeing executives are continuing to recognize the significant improvements S&IS has achieved over the past five years.

"Five years ago, S&IS probably would not have been in a position to win such an award. The turnaround of this business, the improvements we've made, and the spirit of our people are extraordinary," he said.

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