

IN MEMORIAM: The Boeing Company offers condolences to the families and friends of the following employees.

Frank Allen, supply chain management analyst; service date March 26, 1990; died July 7

William Amico, aircraft production mechanic; service date Jan. 5, 1994; died July 10

Trent Baylor, quality systems specialist; service date Sept. 5, 1990; died July 6

Robert Brashears, product and services manager; service date Jan. 29, 1980; died July 14

James Buehler, test and evaluation lab technician; service date June 17, 1968; died June 26

Wesley Crow, engineer; service date Nov. 1, 1983; died July 11

John Ennes, mechanical systems design and analysis engineer; service date Aug. 11, 1968; died June 29

Ronald Fox, estimating and pricing specialist; service date Aug. 30, 1994; died June 30

Robert Habowski, aviation maintenance technician and field inspector; service date March 16, 1981; died July 18

Diane Kiske, business and planning analyst; service date March 11, 1984; died June 28

Richard Moser, procurement analyst; service date Jan. 20, 1986; died July 19

Larry Muenks, crater and packer; service date June 13, 1978; died July 8

Ann Poole, information technology manager; service date June 5, 1979; died July 6

Jodie Robinson, metal services processor; service date Aug. 28, 1993; died July 12

Randy Robinson, quality production specialist; service date Sept. 6, 1985; died July 15

Larry Whitehead, systems engineer; service date Oct. 15, 1984; died July 20

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PHOTO: The first Strategic Airlift Capability C-17 Globemaster III takes off following a delivery ceremony at the Boeing final assembly facility in Long Beach, Calif. The advanced airlifter arrived at Pápa Air Base, Hungary, last month. PAUL PINNER/BOEING

BOEING DELIVERS 12-NATION CONSORTIUM'S 1ST C-17

Last month marked the delivery of the first of three C-17 Globemaster III aircraft to a 12-nation consortium that will share the advanced airlifters for the next 30 years. NATO officials said the consortium, known as the Strategic Airlift Capability, represents a model for the pooled acquisition and management of defense capabilities.

The consortium's first C-17 is based at the new Heavy Airlift Wing at Pápa Air Base, Hungary. Contributed by the United States—a consortium member—the first aircraft bears the number "01" on its nose, symbolizing the first aircraft delivered to the group. The fleet will support military, humanitarian, disaster-relief and peacekeeping missions.

"I salute the 12 nations that have joined together to form the Strategic Airlift Capability," said U.S. Air Force Col. John Zazworsky,

the first commander of the Heavy Airlift Wing. "This aircraft, along with the two that will follow, is a direct result of their commitment to giving [the consortium] advanced airlift capabilities that will save lives around the world."

The Strategic Airlift Capability group includes 10 NATO nations—Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States—and Partnership for Peace members Sweden and Finland. They will share acquisition and operating costs for the three C-17s.

The NATO Airlift Management Agency is responsible for the acquisition, day-to-day management and support of the fleet. A Boeing team will provide support for the fleet under the C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership offered by Integrated Defense Systems' Global Services & Support business.

Boeing is scheduled to deliver the two remaining aircraft in September and October.



PHOTO: A Next-Generation 737-900ER (Extended Range) marks Continental Airlines' 75th anniversary in retro style. JIM COLEY/BOEING

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY WITH 'RETRO' AIRPLANE

Continental Airlines kicked off its 75th anniversary celebrations recently with the delivery of a new Boeing Next-Generation 737-900ER (Extended Range) jetliner. To commemorate the milestone, Continental employees voted on a special livery for the jet and several traveled to Seattle's Boeing Field for the delivery. Continental then flew the airplane to its hubs in Houston, Newark, N.J., and Cleveland for celebrations with its employees and retirees.

Although sporting an old livery outside—employees chose the 1947 paint scheme "The Blue Skyway"—the new 737-900ER features advanced technology on the inside. For example, the airplane's GPS Landing System will be used later this year at Newark Liberty International Airport, which is implementing a NextGen satellite-based landing system. Based in Houston, Continental is the world's fifth-largest airline and flies the newest, most fuel-efficient jet fleet of all major U.S. network carriers, according to the airline.

BOEING SPONSORS ENGINEERING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Boeing is sponsoring the fourth annual Engineering Student of the Year Award in association with *Flight International* magazine. Open to engineering students around the world, the 2009 award will be presented in November during the Flightglobal Achievement Awards at the Dubai Air Show in the United Arab Emirates. The competition is open to any full- or part-time engineering student pursuing a recognized academic degree. A panel of experts will review each nominee's work for its impact on current or future aeronautical or space technology in areas such as new or enhanced capabilities, systems, processes or tools; new levels of performance; and improved life cycle costs. For more information or to submit an entry before the Sept. 25, 2009, deadline, visit www.flightglobal.com/student.

NEW PARTNERS JOIN SUSTAINABLE FUEL GROUP

Last month, Boeing and the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Users Group, an airline-led industry group working to accelerate the commercialization and availability of sustainable biofuels, announced several new members. Alaska Airlines, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, TUIfly and Virgin Blue joined existing members Air France, Air New Zealand, ANA (All Nippon Airways), Cargolux, Gulf Air, Japan Airlines, KLM, SAS and Virgin Atlantic Airways. Boeing and Honeywell's UOP, a refining technology developer, are associate members.

To be eligible, members must subscribe to sustainability criteria, including the expectation that plant sources for jet fuel be developed in a manner that does not compete with food production or jeopardize drinking water and that minimizes the impact on biodiversity. For more information, visit www.safug.org.

COPA AIRLINES ORDERS 13 737-800S

Panama's Copa Airlines recently announced an order for 13 737-800s, plus options for an additional eight. The airline now has a total of 27 Next-Generation 737s on order. The 737-800s will be outfitted with the new Boeing Sky Interior, which features 787-style sculpted sidewalls and window reveals.

Copa was the first carrier in the Americas to incorporate blended winglets on its 737s. All of Copa's Next-Generation 737s use the distinctive curved wing ends, which improve fuel efficiency and lift while reducing engine wear and carbon dioxide emissions. From its base at Tocumen International Airport, Copa flies four of the world's longest 737 routes—to Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; Sao Paulo; and Los Angeles.