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As America celebrates Independence Day this month, the men and women of its armed forces continue to protect the enduring principles written in the Declaration of Independence more than two centuries ago. This ad, featured in *The* 

Washington Post, celebrates those principles and salutes those who defend them.

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Global corporate citizenship refers to the work Boeing does—both as a company and through its employees—to improve the world. This ad recognizes the life-changing advances being made by today's engineers.

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### Historical Perspective

Seventy years ago, the first P-51s began rolling off the North American Aviation assembly line in Los Angeles. The fighter would soon come to be known as the Mustang and dominate the skies over Europe during World War II. The Mustang became a legend, one of the most recognized aircraft ever built, and is still performing at air shows. PHOTO: ERIK SIMONSEN/BOEING



### Something of value

Production rates for the Next-Generation 737 are going up to 42 airplanes a month. Preparing for this record-setting pace have been employee "value stream" teams that have helped make production of the popular single-aisle jetliner more efficient than ever, photo: JIM ANDERSON/BOEING



### Bright future

Boeing has enjoyed a long relationship with Saudi Arabia, one that's much more than the sale of commercial jetliners and military products. Boeing has increased its presence in Saudi Arabia through industrial participation programs and by building strong ties with local universities. More opportunities are opening up for this key partnership. PHOTO: ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The strength of Boeing is in the great diversity of its employees, and tapping into the richness of this diversity helps the company succeed, according to Joyce Tucker, vice president, Global Diversity and Employee Rights. Employing a diverse workforce is not only the right thing to do, she writes, but it's the smart thing. Companies with a diverse workforce that create opportunities for all employees to grow and contribute have greater success.

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### Journey's end

The space shuttle program will come to a close with the final flight of *Atlantis*, scheduled for this month. But the shuttles have one last mission: being readied for safe and permanent display at several museums around the United States. Boeing employees are helping prepare the shuttles for their final journey. Photo: BOB FERGUSON/BOEING



# Diversity is who we are

### Tapping into the strengths of all employees helps Boeing succeed

Thousands of employees of every background recently have read inspiring life stories of Boeing people including:

- Kathy Nguyen, a determined woman who arrived in America with little more than the Asian values of education and perseverance and is now chief engineer for Boeing's P-8 India program
- Brandon Polingyumptewa, who grew up on a Hopi reservation in northern Arizona and now serves as a material management analyst in Mesa
- Luz Virgen, a Boeing manager who was inspired by the famous Stand and Deliver calculus teacher, Jaime Escalante, at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles, to become the first in her family to graduate from college
- Syd Abernethy, an African-American, All-American lacrosse player who went on to become a naval flight officer, head of the U.S. Navy's diversity program, an award-winning base commander and now a Boeing manager

Inspired by one of these Diversity Heritage Month stories in Boeing News Now, the company's internal online news service, one employee wrote, "Having come from India and having recently lost my father, I briefly wondered what am I doing here, but I know what I am doing here! I am part of a bigger family, which allows me to excel in whatever I do."

Fostering a work environment where all employees feel respected, included and able to contribute their best is a core Boeing value and an integral part of our Leadership Attributes. We are all expected to help create an atmosphere where all employees see opportunities to stretch, take risks, learn, and contribute their diverse perspectives, experiences and ideas without being blocked by factors that have nothing to do with their ability to perform.

Our leaders understand that employing a diverse workforce, in terms of race, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation and the many other dimensions of diversity, is the right thing to do. It's also the smart thing to do. Abundant research has

### **Leadership Message**



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PHOTO: THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

shown that companies with diverse workforces are better at solving problems and have higher sales revenues, more customers, larger market shares and greater relative profits than less diverse companies. For Boeing to remain competitive as we work to meet the evolving needs of our varied customers across the globe, we must take advantage of this diversity. Engaged employees contribute innovative solutions to our business challenges and help drive increased growth and productivity.

To guide us in this effort, Boeing has a five-part strategy outlining a holistic and companywide approach to diversity and inclusion. It's designed to ensure that the principles of diversity, equity and fairness are integrated into all policies, procedures and practices across the enterprise; that diversity and inclusion is leveraged as a core value; and that diversity and inclusion is who and what we are as a company. This is a commitment that belongs to each of us. ■

### **Snapshot**

### LANDING PATTERNS

It took 27 painters eight days to complete the livery on this new Shenzhen Airlines 737-800, shown landing last month at Shenzhen International Airport in southern China following a delivery flight from Seattle. The festive design features 31 colors and celebrates Shenzhen Airlines' participation as a global partner of 2011 Universiade, an international sports competition for university athletes that will be held in Shenzhen next month. Established in 1992, Shenzhen Airlines also was the first Chinese carrier to order the 737-900. "Our long-term partnership with Boeing has played an essential role for the development of Shenzhen Airlines," said Feng Gang, the airline's president. Photo: CHU WENMING/CARNOC.COM



### **Quotables**

### "This is our house. That's what we call it."

 Raffie King, referring to Boeing's new North Charleston, S.C., final assembly facility. King and her fellow teammates will start assembling the site's first 787 over the summer. From the June 6 Charleston Post and Courier newspaper.

### "A helicopter would have had a hard time doing this.... We had the pedal to the metal the whole time."

- Pilot of the U.S. Marine Corps V-22 that rescued the pilot of a downed U.S. Air Force F-15 in Libya in March, referencing the tilt-rotor V-22's high cruise speed. The rescue mission from the USS Kearsarge, located 150 miles (240 kilometers) offshore, took 90 minutes round-trip. As reported in the Delaware County Times, May 26.

### MARSELOUS MUSICANICE



shortly before World War II, when North American Aviation was mass-producing AT-6 Harvard trainers for the British Ministry of Defence, but also contemplating several new fighter designs. Although the Royal Air Force, or RAF, was impressed with the Harvard and wanted fighters, the Ministry of Defence felt that North American Aviation lacked fighter experience. So the British asked the Los Angeles—based company in February 1940 about producing the Curtiss P-40.

Dutch Kindelberger, president of North American Aviation, had reservations about the P-40's performance, and after conferring with his vice president, Lee Atwood, both were convinced their company could produce a superior fighter using the same Allison engine as the P-40, without increasing unit cost.

Chief designer Edgar Schmued was

asked to come up with a preliminary configuration.

Designated NA-73X, the prototype would utilize a laminar-flow wing that had been developed by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics—now NASA—which significantly reduced drag. The new design also featured a unique air scoop on the underside of the fuselage just aft of the cockpit. Based on research into what was known as the "Meredith effect," it would provide engine cooling but also recover energy from the radiator, with the heated air providing added thrust for improved performance.

Kindelberger and Atwood made several presentations to the British in early 1940 about the new fighter concept. Finally, Atwood convinced Sir Henry Self, director of the British Purchasing Commission, to take a chance on the new design. But there

was a stipulation: North American Aviation would obtain the P-40 blueprints and windtunnel and flight-test data from Curtiss to use as a resource. Atwood purchased the documents for approximately \$56,000. (In a July 1998 interview with this writer, Atwood quipped: "We considered the Curtiss data somewhat obsolete and continued with our fresh-start design.")

In April 1940, British confidence in North American Aviation arrived in the form of a contract for 320 fighters, with a unit price not to exceed \$40,000. The Allison engines and guns would be provided by the British government. A pivotal clause in the contract directed that two fighters be delivered to the U.S. government for evaluation.

The NA-73X prototype was produced in only 102 days and first flew on Oct. 26, 1940. By July of the following year,



70 years ago, the first P-51s began rolling off the North American Assembly line in Los Angeles. Both the RAF and Army Air Corps quickly recognized the potential of the new multi-role fighter and eventually ordered thousands.

The Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, which was incorporated on the P-51 starting in 1942, greatly increased its performance. A series of improved models followed, with the most well known being the P-51D featuring the 360-degree "bubble" canopy.

Initially, the British called the P-51 the "Mustang" and the U.S. Army Air Corps designated its fighter the "Apache." In a telegraph to Army brass in July 1942, Kindelberger asked that the fighter be officially known as the Mustang.

A true game-changer during World War II, the P-51 Mustang will be forever remembered as the fighter that escorted Allied heavy bombers deep into Germany and fended off attacking Luftwaffe interceptors—long-range missions made possible by drop tanks and an extra internal fuel tank behind the cockpit. Later deployed in the Pacific theater, the P-51 also escorted long-range B-29 bombers.

In the European theater, the P-51 was credited with downing more enemy aircraft than any other Allied fighter. A total of 15,686 P-51s were built by North American Aviation and under license from 1940 to 1947.

Worldwide, about 150 P-51s are still airworthy, performing at air shows and air races—an inspiring testament to that initial spark of innovation at North American Aviation in 1940 that brought about such a remarkable aircraft. ■

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### A TRUE GAME-CHANGER DURING WORLD WAR II.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: During World War II, the P-51 Mustang was able to escort allied bombers to Berlin and back from their Royal Air Force bases, and still had 20 minutes' fuel for aerial engagement over the target. Innovation made the difference. Modern jet fighters are designed to be inherently unstable, allowing for increased maneuverability; advanced computer technology beyond the capability of a human pilot provides in-flight stability. In 1942, altering an airplane's center of gravity was unheard of, yet North American Aviation chief engineer Raymond Rice proposed doing just that. The goal was to extend the range of the P-51 by installing an internal 85-gallon (320-liter) selfsealing fuel tank aft of the cockpit. Although every other aerodynamicist involved tried to veto the idea, the U.S. Army Air Corps customer agreed with Rice. BRANDON LUONG/BOEING;



Anthony "Tony" Ullakko, an overhead crane operator at the Renton, Wash., factory, moves large segments of Next-Generation 737 wings between assembly positions. In this *Frontiers* series that profiles employees talking about their jobs, Ullakko explains how crane operators help keep 737s rolling out the factory door—at more than one a day. PHOTO: JIM ANDERSON/BOEING

We're the ones who connect the dots with the parts. Every crane move is to make sure that large 737 parts get where they are needed so the mechanics can do their jobs in a timely fashion.

Working as an overhead crane operator 45 to 90 feet (14 to 27 meters) over the shop floor isn't for everyone. But, for the ones who stick with it, it's a rewarding and challenging job. You need to work well with others, pay attention to detail and communicate well with the people you work with.

When I make a lift, I have to pay attention to the people on the floor as well as what's going on in the crane. A lot of precise moves need to be made to position the part and make sure that everything is clear.

In the crane business, safety is one thing we all focus on. It's always on our minds when we move anything.

On the 737 line, we rotate between buildings so we have an opportunity to work in the wings section, on final assembly and at any place they need crane operators on the Renton site.

All the people on the Renton crane crew where I work have a lot of experience. We all treat our position with a great deal of pride and responsibility. When new people come in, everyone takes part in their training so the new people, too, can meet the challenges of the position. Someone is always willing to help.

The operator is alone up in the crane, but it's really a team effort to make those lifts and keep the 737 line moving. ■

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### Stream

Value stream teams are leading the way so 737 production rates can soar

By Kathrine Beck and photos by Jim Anderson and Bob Ferguson

big improvement was launched by a simple question from a 737 mechanic. He asked Environmental Controls Systems engineers visiting the shop floor, "How come you guys have all this variability?"

He was talking about cabin air systems. They're made up of hoses that run behind the paneling in the cabin and diffusers that work like an air intake grille in your home. Each Next-Generation 737 airplane included seven different sizes of diffuser and 32 different lengths of hose, and 101 different assemblies made up of hose and diffuser combinations.

Engineers went to the lab and did some testing. They realized that all the diffusers could be the same size—11 inches (28 centimeters). And that all the hoses could be made in 5-inch (13-centimeter) increments. Today, the number of diffuser sizes has gone from seven to one; hoses from 32 to seven; and assemblies from 101 to seven.

The result: a significant savings in time and weight.

Environmental Control System engineers then visited the company that supplied the diffusers. By eliminating variability and making other improvements, the supplier could build the

**PHOTOS:** Lights reflect off a Next-Generation 737 Blended Winglet as the airplane moves down the Renton, Wash., assembly line. (Insets, from top) Garry Ayers, 737 mechanic, and power plant assemblers Shiree Springfield and Jack Stendahl.







parts more efficiently and save money.

Improvements like this are now routine in the 737 program because of "value stream" teams. They improve processes throughout the value stream—starting with obtaining parts and raw materials from suppliers all the way to Boeing in-service support of 737 airplanes in customer fleets.

Value stream teams are organized around "commodities" — specific parts or areas of the airplane. Examples of commodities include landing gear, avionics, flight controls, floor coverings and fuselage. So far, there are 34 active teams with plans to add one more team this year.

The teams are made up of the people who buy the parts and materials, design the parts and components, install them on the shop floor and service them on finished airplanes for customer airlines. Teams also include a Lean+ coach and a project manager, as well as an executive sponsor and executive "champions." Value stream teams use value-stream mapping and other Lean+ tools to identify waste and improve processes.

Gail Beisler is an Environmental Control Systems lead mechanic and value stream team member.

"All of us can delve into it and figure out what we need," Beisler said. "We have such a good working relationship with everyone involved."

Mark Spillman, a 737 Propulsions Systems lead mechanic, works in an area that builds up engines with everything needed to connect them to the rest of the airplane—engine mounts, hydraulic systems, fire detection systems and more. Value stream teams "get everybody together on the same page so things move smoothly here for us down on the floor," he said.

Spillman explained how the value stream team in his area prepared for a rate increase with an Accelerated Improvement Workshop. Eighty percent of parts to be installed on engines are on the left side. As a result, the work on the two sides of an engine wasn't balanced as the engine made its way through two work zones in the engine-buildup area of the Renton, Wash., factory. The value stream team reorganized the flow by creating a third zone, so now the work is balanced.

The number of engines his group can deliver will go from three a day to four, eventually, as the 737 production rate increases to 42 a month, according to Spillman.

Debra Englund, Value Stream Integration leader, said the power of value stream teams is "the ability of the team to work problems cross-functionally on a recurring basis. A value stream team is not a team that solves a problem and then disbands. Instead, it is a formalized structure that has end-to-end responsibility for its commodity."

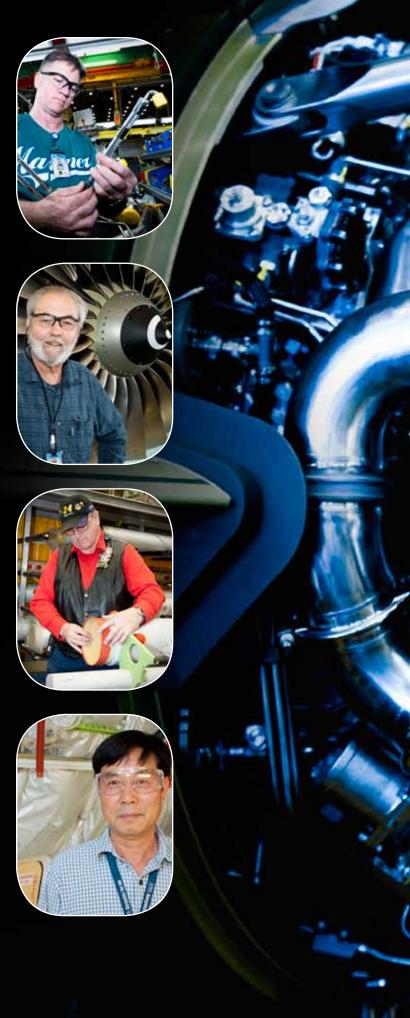
Having value stream teams in place makes it possible for process improvements to be implemented more quickly, Englund added.

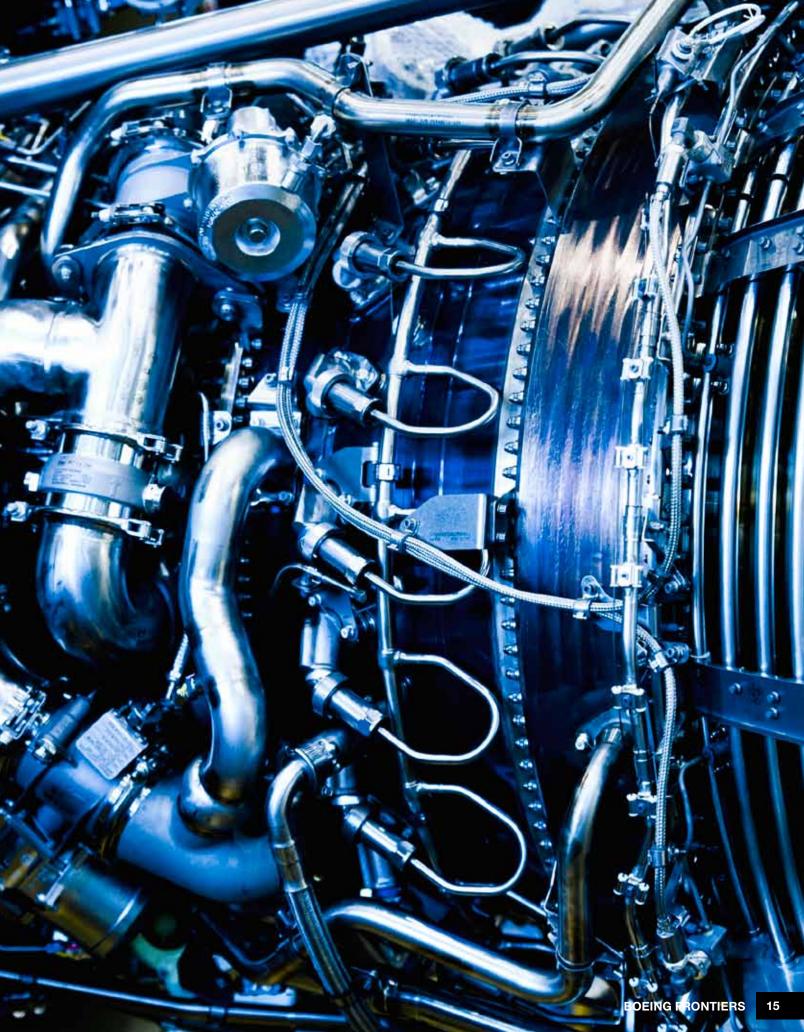
Mechanic Beisler agreed.

"Any issues we have get resolved quicker—much quicker," she said. "It makes everything flow so much better." ■

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**PHOTOS:** Next-Generation 737 engine cores are prepared for installation at the Renton, Wash., factory. (Insets, from top) Kelly McKee, power plant assembler; Mark Spillman, power plant assembler specialist and team lead; Tom Yost, 737 manufacturing team lead; and Dong Chon, 737 technical designer.





### Answering the call

Boeing volunteers were quick to respond when tornadoes hit Alabama

By Patricia Soloveichik and photos by Eric Shindelbower

When tornadoes cut a 130-mile (210-kilometer) path of destruction across north Alabama, leaving behind ravaged communities, shock and despair, the heart-wrenching loss of homes and loved ones galvanized thousands of volunteers.

Boeing employees were among the first to respond.

"The area looks like it's been through a really long war," said Boeing volunteer Leslie Bradley, describing the neighborhoods hit near Boeing Huntsville Jetplex facilities in north Alabama. Leafless sticks were all that was left of neighborhoods that had once been green with mature trees and populated by homes.

In one day, more than 100 Boeing volunteers showed up in their signature blue T-shirts with little more than 24 hours' notice to perform backbreaking work for shifts as long as eight hours.

Employees returned again and again. And they made a difference.

"It's extraordinary how much determination, commitment and old-fashioned hard work can achieve," said Tony Jones, vice presi-



dent of operations for Strategic Missile & Defense Systems and Huntsville site executive, surveying the neighborhoods more than a month after the storms. "I am continually amazed and impressed by the resiliency of the people here. They work together and they get the job done. That's also why they're so good at their work."

Boeing employees around the globe rallied as well, donating more than \$106,000 to help tornado victims in Alabama, in addition to a local Employees Community Fund contribution of \$20,000 and a Boeing donation of \$100,000.

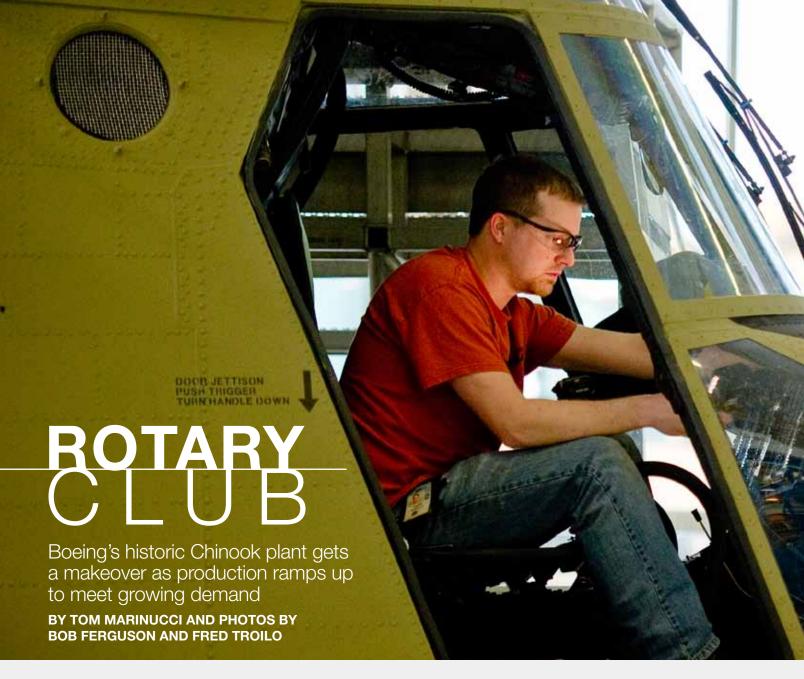
Mike Gillespie, chairman of the Madison County Commission in Alabama, who led response and recovery efforts, recently thanked Boeing for getting out in front to help. "We've always valued Boeing as an economic force and for its community spirit," Gillespie said. "But it's clearer than ever that your people truly are your most valuable asset."

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The devastation in north Alabama was not the first time that Boeing employees have been affected by a natural disaster. Parts of Australia endured major flooding earlier this year, and Japan is recovering from a deadly earthquake and tsunami. To read more about how Boeing and its people have responded to these disasters both on and off the job, see Page 36 in the May 2011 issue of Frontiers and the 2010 Corporate Citizenship report online at: www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/community/2010\_report/delivering\_aid.html

**PHOTOS:** Boeing employees from the Huntsville, Ala., site, along with family members, responded quickly and in large numbers when a neighborhood was devastated by a powerful tornado. The Boeing teams hauled debris for hours, and many returned for subsequent shifts.





n another time, when railroads rather than airplanes carried most people across the country, steam locomotives were built here. Today, the historic but now modern factory near Philadelphia is home to production of the latest models of Boeing's workhorse CH-47 Chinook military helicopter.

New glass walls let natural light flood in and allow employees on the assembly line to look out toward the flight ramp and the Delaware River in the distance. From that flight ramp, Chinooks are tested before being delivered around the world to customers—and to U.S. warfighters.

"We look for every opportunity to build it better," said employee involvement team leader and aircraft technician Douglas Hittle, who has been on the Chinook line for three years.

Indeed. Hittle and his Boeing teammates, who number more than 600 on three shifts, are building the twin-rotor, 60-foot-long (18-meter-long) Chinook better than ever at the Boeing plant in Ridley Township, a few miles west of the Philadelphia

International Airport. And building more of them, too.

Production rates are going up to meet increased domestic and international demand for the heavy-lift Chinook. Factory processes, streamlined through Lean+ activities, have helped make the Chinook assembly line so efficient that teams from other Boeing business units have come calling to see what's happening. Employees have come up with innovative ways to save time—and money. And Boeing is investing more than \$130 million on factory and other site improvements. This includes refurbishing the flight ramp, according to Leanne Caret, vice president, H-47 Programs.

The Chinook is Boeing's longest-running aircraft program in continuous production, and it has outlasted every commercial jetliner model and even the B-52 bomber.

A new line to produce the CH-47F model for the U.S. Army became operational in late May. It has room for up to 11 assembly positions rather than eight on the old line. An alternate line for











**PHOTOS: (Top)** New glass walls allow natural light into the renovated Chinook factory as Jason Willmot works inside the cockpit of a CH-47. **(Employee insets, from left)** The Chinook manufacturing team includes Hugo Deshagette and Jerry Cook.



production of Chinooks for international customers is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

"In addition to the excitement over the new line and improved conditions, there is a real sense of pride for the work we do," said Paul Bruno, a final assembly supervisor on second-shift positions where the Chinook is fitted with wiring and hydraulic lines.

That message is not lost on the military customer.

"The Chinook provides a lifeline to our soldiers," Lt. Gen. William Phillips, principal deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology, told employees during the delivery ceremony a year ago for the 100th CH-47F.

"There are soldiers who are alive today because of the dedication of this team," he said.

Boeing teams have been building Chinooks at the plant since 1966 after the land was purchased by Boeing-Vertol. The factory dated back to 1929, when it was built for General Steel Casting Corp., which made its reputation building steam locomotives

for the Pennsylvania Railroad and many others in the United States and overseas.

At peak production during the Vietnam War, Boeing produced one Chinook and one smaller CH-46 Sea Knight twin-rotor helicopter per day at the plant. The facility has been in continuous production of Chinooks since Boeing took it over.

Through the 1970s, earlier models were upgraded and international aircraft were produced. With 50 deliveries scheduled this year, the production rate is the highest in more than 20 years.

In addition to Chinooks, Boeing employees at the Ridley Township site produce fuselage assemblies for the Bell-Boeing V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, though that work is in a different building.

Tooling and production processes were continuously improved over the years, but the Chinook building was largely











**PHOTOS: (Top)** A CH-47 Chinook moving down the newly opened production line. **(Employee insets, from left)** Chinook team members include Walter Brown and Douglas Hittle.



unchanged from when it was used to build locomotives. Railroad tracks were still embedded in the floor.

The aim of the renovation project is a state-of-the art facility that fully supports the increasing demand for Chinooks. The improvements have already increased production rate from three to five aircraft per month, and when complete, the factory production rate will climb to six aircraft each month. Major improvements will be completed by the end of this year. All phases of the project are scheduled to be finished by 2014, added Caret.

The Chinook facility will have a modern climate-control system and will be Boeing's first factory certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, an internationally recognized environmental building certification system.

Factory workers praise the renovation results so far, especially the views through the wall of windows.

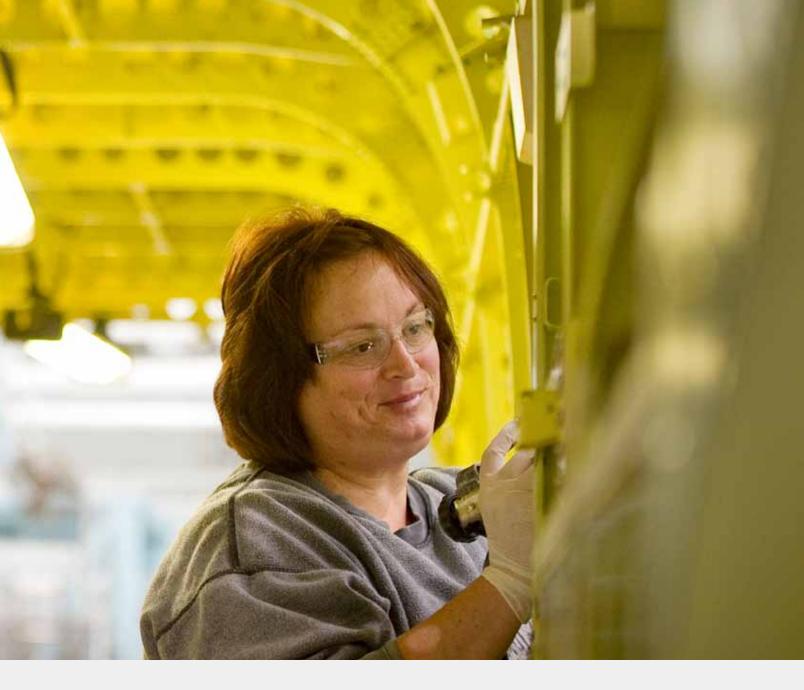
"For a view, we used to walk out to the end of the factory

to what we called the 'concrete beach,'" said Brett Mackrell, final assembly supervisor and 26-year veteran of CH-47 production. "Not anymore. We have glass walls and can watch our Chinooks fly!"

Almost 20 countries operate a worldwide fleet of more than 470 Chinooks. The first international version of the CH-47F for the Netherlands is in flight testing. The first of 15 Chinooks for Canada will enter production this summer, followed by Chinooks for Italy. The program is midway through the first multiyear contract award for nearly 200 Chinooks for the U.S. Army.

"This awesome team delivered critical aircraft ahead of schedule to the U.S. Army during this major renovation," Caret said.

Employee teams continue to find innovative ways to save time and further speed production. Working with the parts warehouse, for example, teams revised the way aircraft wiring harnesses were delivered to the factory floor. Assemblers would











**PHOTOS: (Top)** Doris Zappacosta performs tasks inside the fuselage of a Chinook. **(Employee insets, from left)** Alex Valentino; Frank Gallucci, left, and Eugene Brockbrough; Don Martin; and John Lent, left, and Anthony Notte.



typically search through a pallet of boxes for each harness. Now, each harness is delivered in open part trays in sequence for installation, which has greatly simplified the process.

"We knew how to improve," said Frank Stricker, a final assembly lead with 26 years on the Chinook line. He noted the significant improvements in workflow achieved by increasing the readiness of parts. An automated schedule means parts arrive in a timely manner and keep pace with the team's rate.

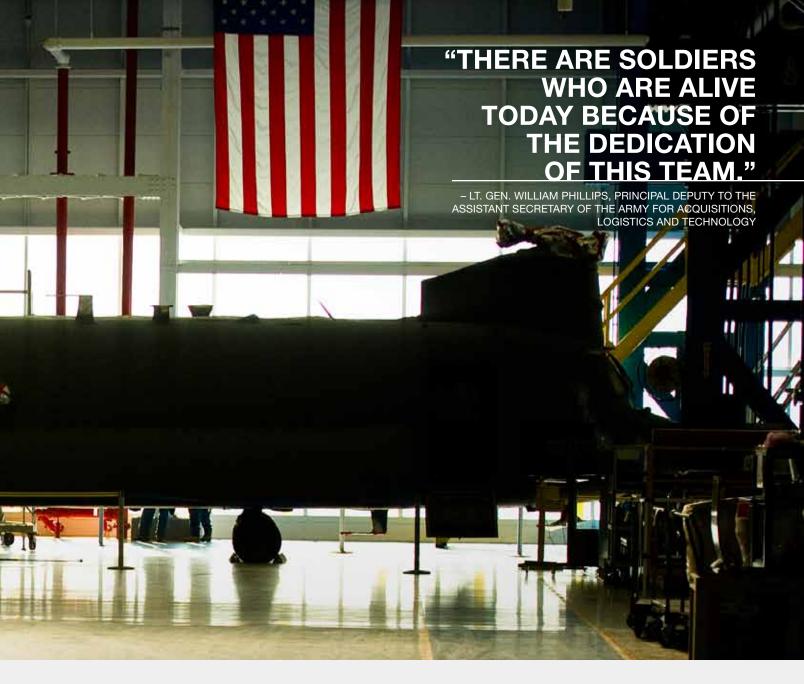
Hittle, the aircraft technician, leads the employee involvement team for the tube shop, which produces the hydraulic lines and fuel lines where the fuel cells are assembled. His team created a tracking system so workers can now account for caps removed from tubing during installation and eliminate the possibility of pieces being left behind as foreign object debris, or FOD. In addition, employees went one step further and added recycle bins for the used caps.

Tim Barrett, a six-year Chinook veteran, works the first

shift. His team has been recognized twice as Foreign Object Debris Prevention Team of the Month. By implementing an audit system for tools, and accounting for every tool in every tray, the team's efforts resulted in a 70 percent reduction in FOD over the past year.

"All of us have the unique privilege of touching every Chinook that flies off the flight ramp and into the hands of our Army customer," Barrett said. "That in itself inspires everyone to build it better every day." ■

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**PHOTOS: (Top)** Expansive new factory windows silhouette a CH-47 Chinook under construction inside the Ridley Township factory near Philadelphia. **(Employee insets, from left)** Janko Padron-Cueto, Ralph Highley Jr., Rich Fetterolf and Rich Burns.

# These Boeing employees have a place where they can be creative and 'game'-storm By Peggy Mason and photos by Paul Pinner

elcome to the "innovation cell" at Boeing's Huntington Beach, Calif., site. Let the games begin! Coming up with creative ideas that provide solutions for a diverse customer base is what Boeing is all about. To that end, one Boeing leader encourages his employees to experiment fearlessly, think outside the box and play games. That's right—play games.

The games inspire creativity, and it's creativity that will propel Boeing forward in fiercely competitive markets, according to Charles Toups, vice president and general manager of Network and Tactical Systems.

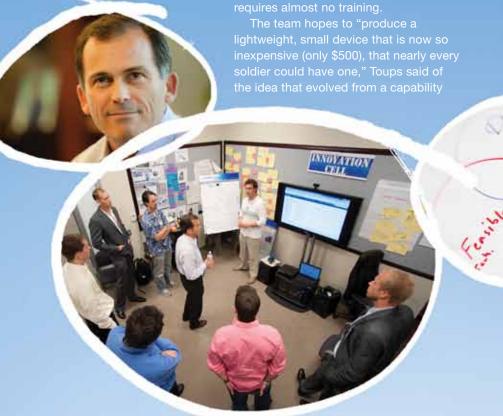
It was Toups who put in place the innovation cell. Inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit of companies like Google and IDEO, the space is very different from a typical Boeing meeting room.

"There is no meeting table, any and all ideas are displayed on the walls, there are health-oriented drinks and snacks, and there's even a PlayStation 3," said Jason Brandstetter, a strategy and integration engineer with Network and Tactical Systems.

Added software engineer Lance

Fluger, also with Network and Tactical Systems: "Employees from every level of talent and experience come together in a relaxed environment to produce new solutions."

Employees use the room on their own time, but Toups provides funds for small purchases if an idea shows promise. One team came up with an idea to add Boeing capability to a toy that takes off and lands vertically, can be flown using an iPhone or iPad, has multiple embedded sensors, and requires almost no training.





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 Lance Fluger, software engineer, Network and Tactical Systems



PHOTOS: (Far left) Charles Toups, vice president and general manager, Network and Tactical Systems. (Left) Toups (center, facing screen), talks with Huntington Beach, Calif., employees who frequent the innovation cell. Clockwise from top center are Michael Hogan, Kevin Meredith, Ryan Whitaker, Gabriel Santander, Jason Brandstetter, Lance Fluger and Scott Buyan. (Above) It's liftoff for the team's current project—a toy the group is adapting for potential warfighter use. Controlling the vertical liftoff is Michael Hogan (from left) with Kevin Meredith, Sarah Kamilaris and Lance Fluger.

that the U.S. Army canceled—the Class I Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

The original purpose of the unmanned craft was to hover near an area of interest and relay real-time information to soldiers. The Boeing team took that idea and added refinements that may eventually lead to a new product for the customer.

Ultimately, the purpose of the innovation cell is to identify people who are passionate about solving critical problems, produce solutions that can be funded and offered to customers, and develop talent within Boeing, particularly with younger employees who are eager to work on interesting projects and provide creative solutions.

Toups expressed concern that the newest generation of employees may not stay with Boeing if they aren't allowed to be creative: "We often hear feedback from employees who leave the company within their first five years that they get frustrated because they don't get the chance to work on anything as exciting as they'd hoped.

"Too often, companies become constrained by their own successes," he added. "The bigger the program of record, the more we tend to focus on meeting requirements and the less we focus on innovation. Merely fulfilling contract requirements isn't necessarily all that is needed. We really have to think outside the box and figure out what the customer needs, even if that varies from the formal requirements. We need to work better and be more in line with the needs, not just the requirements of our customers."

Adam Weiss is one of Boeing's newly hired aerospace engineers. He described the innovation cell as "an amazing opportunity," noting that he is free to express his own ideas with others who have more experience.

"The concept of 'no bad ideas' has created a nurturing environment where we can feel free to do what we came here to do: engineer," said Weiss, who hopes to expand on an idea that he's been talking about with his mentor.

That's the kind of feedback about the innovation cell that Toups loves to hear.

"Every now and then, I'll stop by to see what they're up to," Toups said of those who use the innovation cell. "I see the amazing things they're coming up with, and I get inspired, too!" ■

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### High finance

RBS Aviation Capital marks a decade of success in commercial airplane leasing and financing By Bill Seil

Since its founding 10 years ago, RBS Aviation Capital has forged a strong niche in a changing commercial airplane market.

The Dublin-based company is one of the world's top five commercial airplane lessors by fleet value and a global leader in aircraft finance. Its leasing business focuses on providing advanced, investorfriendly narrow-body aircraft to robust low-cost carriers.

RBS Aviation Capital's transactions include both Boeing and Airbus airplanes. It has purchased 63 Next-Generation 737-800s directly from Boeing, with deliveries scheduled through 2015. RBS also has shown an interest in expanding its investments to include the 787 Dreamliner.

Peter Barrett, the company's CEO, notes that when he entered the aviation

RBS Aviation Capital has customers in 38 countries, and in addition to leasing aircraft to 100 airlines, the company sells airplanes to 40 investor customers. Over the past seven years, the company has profitably sold 170 commercial aircraft valued at more than \$6.4 billion. Marlin Dailey, Boeing's senior vice president, Sales and Marketing, said the RBS Aviation Capital team's deep understanding of the leasing business and the global finance environment is a great benefit to its airline customers.

"RBS has successfully established itself in the leasing market for low-cost carriers by specializing on the unique needs of that segment," Dailey said. "By leasing to some of the world's leading single-aisle low-cost carriers,





Boeing has "a great team that is very customer-focused."

- Peter Barrett, chief executive officer of RBS Aviation Capital
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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: A Boeing Next-Generation 737 in RBS livery. BOEING

finance business more than 20 years ago, leased airplanes made up roughly 10 percent of airline fleets. It has since passed 30 percent and is continuing to grow at a steady pace.

In challenging economic times, airlines are finding new ways to manage their balance sheets and manage their fleets, Barrett said. Leasing has emerged as an attractive option.

"Rather than making a commitment to buying an aircraft for 25 years, airlines are leasing planes for five years or more, then reviewing the market," Barrett said. "Leasing companies are in a much better position to manage risks involved in ownership because we have teams that fan out around the world looking for new opportunities to place aircraft."

RBS has grown into one of the top five commercial airline leasing companies. Boeing 737s have played a major role in its success."

Barrett said RBS Aviation Capital is looking ahead as design improvements add value to commercial airplanes. The 787, he said, is a great example of new technology and ideas. Beyond its history of investment in Next-Generation 737s, RBS Aviation Capital is looking to the company's future advancements in single-aisle airplanes.

"I'm a big fan of The Boeing Company," Barrett said. "They make great airplanes. They also have a great team that is very customer-focused, proactive and has a long-term view of relationships."

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### Saudi Arabia at a glance

Official name: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Location: On the Arabian Peninsula Gulf; neighbors include Yemen, the Oman, Kuwait, Iraq and Jordan

Area: 784,000 square miles (2 million square kilometers), one-fifth the size of the continental United States

**Population:** More than 27 million

Official language: Arabic

Capital: Riyadh

Other key cities: Jeddah, Mecca, Medina and Dammam

Gross domestic product, 2010 estimate: \$622.5 billion (U.S. dollars)

GDP growth rate, 2010 estimate: 3.8 percent

Largest export partners: Japan,

South Korea, the United States, China, India

Military spending as part of GDP, **2005:** 10 percent

PHOTO: The skyline of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's capital city, with the Kingdom Centre—the nation's tallest building at almost 1,000 feet (300 meters) - in the foreground. Boeing Saudi Arabia's headquarters is located in the city. SHUTTERSTOCK





"Boeing has a golden name in Saudi Arabia. It is a company that's regarded to be at the cutting edge of technology."

- Ahmed Jazzar, president of Boeing Saudi Arabia

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**EMPLOYEES:** Click here to view a video interview with Ahmed Jazzar, president of Boeing Saudi Arabia.

### Boeing and Saudi Arabia have a strong partnership that goes beyond defense and commercial products By Eric Fetters-Walp

The discovery of huge oil reserves established Saudi Arabia as an economic force in the 20th century. In the 21st century, the nation is counting on technology to do the same, and Boeing is certain to be involved.

"I don't believe Boeing's ever been in a position with the kingdom that's better than it is now," said Ahmed Jazzar, president of Boeing Saudi Arabia. "With the economy booming, opportunities are opening up."

In 2010, Saudi Arabia signaled its intent to the U.S. government to proceed with the single largest acquisition of defense products in Boeing's history. The purchase includes 84 new F-15 jet fighters, upgrades to 72 of Saudi Arabia's existing F-15s, 70 Apache helicopters and 36 AH-6i light attack helicopters. Other defense products and services also are included in the proposed deal.

Boeing continues to work closely with the U.S. government and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on these programs, which are designed to strengthen security in the region.

The nation's flag carrier airline also has ordered eight 787 Dreamliners and 22 777s and will take delivery of some of them this year.

Those new orders build on a solid foundation dating back decades. The kingdom's fleet of older F-15s and its Apache helicopters are a crucial part of Saudi Arabia's defense forces.

Over the past 50 years, Boeing Commercial Airplanes has delivered 138 jetliners to Saudi customers. The nation also has been one of the most active markets for Boeing Business Jets and other VIP airplanes.

But the relationship between Boeing and Saudi Arabia isn't limited to buying aircraft.

Boeing has invested in the aviation industry, technology research and education in the nation for nearly 30 years. In 1982, Boeing established Boeing Middle East Limited, or BMEL, in Saudi Arabia's capital of Riyadh, giving the enterprise full commercial contracting and employee sponsorship rights equal to any other Saudi-owned and registered company.

A few years later, when Boeing won a large contract to provide Saudi Arabia with Airborne Warning and Control System, or AWACS, aircraft and other ground-based defenses, it launched a large industrial participation program that created Alsalam Aircraft Co., a profitable modification, repair and overhaul business.

"The confidence that Saudi Arabia has put in Boeing, on both the commercial side and the defense side, is really significant," said Shep Hill, president of Boeing International and senior vice president of Business Development and Strategy. "And over time, we've increased our presence in Saudi Arabia to the point where we have strong partnerships there, from Alsalam to the universities."

Boeing is a founding member of Alfaisal University, the first private university in Saudi Arabia. Since it began teaching classes in 2008, the school has attracted world-class teaching and research talent in engineering, science, business and medicine. At the newly established King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Boeing is a member of the public institution's

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### With strong ties to local universities, Boeing is growing its opportunities in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia isn't shy in its ambition to become a worldclass hub for technology. At the new King Abdullah University of Science and Technology on the nation's western coast, state-of-the-art laboratories and research equipment are drawing researchers from far and wide.

In this case, starting an initiative from scratch is proving to have benefits, said Pete Hoffman, director of Global Research and Development, Boeing Research & Technology.

Describing the university's newly installed electron microscopes, magnetic resonating machines and more, he said: "The infrastructure is definitely a draw for bringing in great minds from around the world. [The school is] successfully attracting world-renowned scientists who are experts in key areas of interest to the kingdom."

In a country where relationships are valued, Boeing has grown strong ties to a number of universities and industrial businesses to help train new generations in engineering and aerospace.

"Our partnerships in Saudi Arabia are typical, I think, of those we establish all over the world," Hoffman explained. "They're driven by the opportunity to tap into the best technology, to co-invest and to establish a presence in key markets."

That's what Boeing did more than 20 years ago when it helped launch Alsalam Aircraft Co., a joint venture between Boeing, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Saudi Advanced Industries Corp., Gulf Investment Corp. and National Investment Corp.

Alsalam provides modification, repair and overhaul services for commercial and military aircraft as well as completion installations for VIP aircraft, technical support, manufacturing and training. Boeing owns half of the business, which has 3,500 employees throughout Saudi Arabia and neighboring Bahrain. First created out of Boeing's industrial participation pledge to Saudi Arabia, Alsalam has become a profitable, important venture that benefits Boeing, said Mohammed Fallatah, president and chief executive of Alsalam Aircraft.

"Our cost structure and local character often give us a competitive advantage, and having reach-back capability to Boeing allows Alsalam to leverage Boeing's strengths to enhance our mutual position in the market," Fallatah said. "The vision of Boeing back in the 1980s—to have a strong link to the Saudi market through developing the joint venture—has paid dividends not just from a monetary view but from the perception of commitment to the growth of Saudi national talent."

With that track record, Boeing is a welcome partner on other ventures and at research institutions in Saudi Arabia, Fallatah said. At King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, the company is involved in research to develop new tools to analyze the long-term performance of composite materials. Additionally, Hoffman said, Boeing is ramping up a new project to create the next generation of aircraft interior plastics with a Saudi Arabia–based company and helping Saudi scientists design new thin-film solar cell technology.

"They're very excited that Boeing is investing in technology and not just showing up when there's an order to be placed," Hoffman said of the scientific community in Saudi Arabia. "They also know we have a great record of living up to the commitments we make."







### Boeing helps individuals and communities throughout Saudi Arabia

Early childhood education, training for families that have autistic children and increasing awareness on breast cancer are among the important causes in Saudi Arabia receiving support from Boeing's Global Corporate Citizenship organization.

Boeing helps a number of organizations across the nation, including the Saudi Autistic Society's early intervention program, which teaches caregivers how to recognize autistic symptoms in children; the Zahra Breast Cancer Society; and the Early Childhood Center/Gulf Women Association, which trains teachers for quality early child education programs.

Omar Shesha, Boeing International and Global Corporate Citizenship leader in Saudi Arabia, said the company's giving is focused on critical education, health and human services needs there.

"Our contribution to local nongovernmental organizations in the kingdom is part of a commitment to help individuals and communities deal with issues and needs," Shesha said. "These organizations in Saudi Arabia are making great efforts through well-designed programs, and we are delighted to take part in these initiatives."

Global Corporate Citizenship also supports the Learning Disability Program at Prince Salman Center for Disability Research, which conducts research into improving language proficiency among disabled Arabic speakers. Boeing has worked closely with the Hope Center for Exceptional Needs, the National Home Healthcare Foundation, the First Welfare Women's Society, Gulf Women Association, King Abdulaziz Charitable Association and Al-Nahda Philanthropic Society in Saudi Arabia.

"The contribution made by Boeing lays the ground for the development of necessary instructional tools to serve disabled children," said Uzma Raheem, director of the Hope Center for Exceptional Needs, which provides skills training for children with Down syndrome, autism, learning disabilities and related conditions. "This helps us create knowledge and awareness among families who need to recognize the disability symptoms in order to help their children."

PHOTOS: (Clockwise, from top) Alsalam employees perform an operations check on a Saudi F-15, one of the many aircraft models that the Saudi Arabia-based maintenance, repair and overhaul company supports. ALSALAM AIRCRAFT TWO Alsalam Aircraft technicians perform maintenance and refurbishment on a transport aircraft cockpit. Boeing owns half of the business, which was created more than 20 years ago to satisfy an industrial partnership obligation. ALSALAM AIRCRAFT Students in a lab class at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia. Boeing has partnered with the university on research in several fields, including composite materials. ALFAISAL UNIVERSITY

industrial collaboration program. Boeing also is the aerospace sector partner with the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority.

Jazzar said his fellow Saudi citizens notice Boeing's commitment to helping the nation advance. "It is a fact that Boeing has a golden name in Saudi Arabia. It is a company that's regarded to be at the cutting edge of technology," Jazzar said.

Majed Al Harbi, Information Technology Business Engagement manager for Boeing Saudi Arabia, said the company's reputation attracts some of the kingdom's best talent.

"Boeing is recognized as a strong and reputable company, and I desired being a part of it since starting my education and career in technology," he said. "Boeing continues to seek out and foster new business relationships that benefit all parties involved. These continued contributions will hopefully push the Saudi economy into the forefront of technologically advanced nations."

Saudi Arabia will reap benefits for Boeing as well. Only recently has Saudi Arabia begun to encourage private airlines, and there will be more potential airplane customers as that industry grows. As a result, Boeing Capital Corporation sees the nation as a logical place to expand investment in commercial aircraft financing. It has presented aircraft financing seminars in both Riyadh and Jeddah during recent years, said John Matthews, Boeing Capital's

managing director for the Middle East, Africa and South Asia.

"Commercial aircraft investments have outpaced other asset classes, due to an aircraft's long, useful life and its extremely mobile nature," he said. "This isn't lost on the savvy Saudi investors with capital looking to connect with great opportunities in the aviation financing market. Also, aircraft are ideal assets for Islamic financing, which must be asset-based."

Boeing's active investment in educating Saudi Arabian financiers distinguishes it among other aviation industry competitors, Matthews added.

Jazzar, who was born and raised in Saudi Arabia and earned an engineering degree in the United States, said the company's past and present willingness to invest time, effort and money into Saudi Arabia is important for its future there.

"What's unique about Saudi Arabia, and you can say it's the case with almost all the Gulf countries, is that it's all about relationships," Jazzar said. "There are a very few decision-makers, with lots of responsibility and authority."

That makes the trust Boeing has built with the nation's leaders vitally important, he said.

It has also made the "One Boeing" approach used by Boeing Saudi Arabia's 300 employees a necessity, Hill said.



The company's major organizations—Commercial Airplanes; Defense, Space & Security; Engineering, Operations & Technology; as well as Boeing Capital Corporation, the Shared Services Group and Global Corporate Citizenship—are all active and working together in the Boeing Saudi Arabia offices in Riyadh.

"I'm very proud of the one-company approach we have in Saudi Arabia," Hill said. "It's not always been so, but there is a sea change in how we operate there."

As a growing nation—with one of the largest populations in the Middle East, about half under 20 years old—Saudi Arabia is poised to be an important and strategic power in the coming decades. With that prospect, and the resulting potential for great economic growth, Hill said Boeing's longtime interest and investment in Saudi Arabia is well-placed.

"We're following a strategy that is very sound," Jazzar added. "We're involved and active in the country. By doing that, by working with the country and listening to their aspirations and helping them reach goals, we're creating a differentiator for us."

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### From the DC-3 to the 787

It started with a Douglas DC-3 presented by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the late King Abdulaziz Al Saud, founder of modern Saudi Arabia. Sixty-six years later, Saudi Arabian Airlines is the second-largest carrier in the growing Middle East market.

"Before that, there was no aviation in the kingdom," said Ahmed Jazzar, president of Boeing Saudi Arabia. "That airplane became the nucleus of Saudi Arabian Airlines."

Saudi Arabian Airlines, the nation's flag carrier, is still the dominant airline. And it has remained an important Boeing customer. In 1961, it became the first Middle Eastern airline to enter the jet age by taking delivery of a Boeing 707.

In all, Saudi Arabian Airlines has taken delivery of 114 Boeing airplanes, and its fleet now includes four 747-400s, nine 747-300s, one 747-200, 23 777-200s, four MD-11s and 29 MD-90s. This year, Boeing and Saudi Arabian Airlines are scheduled to finish a major interior modernization project of the airline's 777-200ER (Extended Range) airplanes.

Additionally, Saudi Arabian has ordered a dozen 777-300ERs, with options for 10 more 777s. It has ordered eight 787 Dreamliners.

In the past five years, the government has changed regulations to allow for more airlines to compete more easily with the national carrier. The first new private airline, Nasair, flies an all–Airbus and Embraer fleet.

"The environment is still changing, so it will become more attractive for more players," Jazzar said, noting that the nation of 27 million represents the largest market in the Arabian Gulf region. "You have the market, the population and the demand. Mark my words: The future is still coming."

Boeing Commercial Airplanes also has found customers in Saudi Arabia outside of the traditional airline market. Aramco Aviation, the world's largest corporate airline, has owned and operated a fleet of Boeing 737-300s and, more recently, 737-700 aircraft to transport the oil company's employees around the region.

Outside of its airlines, Saudi Arabia is a notable market for Boeing Business Jets and other VIP aircraft. In the past three years, Boeing has sold more than \$1 billion worth of such aircraft to Saudi customers. Overall, the kingdom represents about 70 percent of the BBJ sales to the Arabian Gulf area and has the dominant market share of business jets in the Middle East region.

PHOTOS: (Left) A 707 military aircraft in an Alsalam Aircraft hangar near Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport. ALSALAM AIRCRAFT (Above) A Saudi Arabian Airlines 777-200ER (Extended Range). The airline has more than a dozen new models on order, with eight 787s. BOEING

# BY SEA OR BY AIR

## At age 40, Harpoon anti-ship missile is more capable than ever

By Garrett Kasper

n October 1967, a surprising event changed military maritime strategies around the globe. A tiny, unassuming gunboat sank a 1,700-ton (1,540-metricton) destroyer with a Soviet-built Styx anti-ship missile at a then-incomprehensible range of 15 miles (24 kilometers).

During World War II, the German Luftwaffe experienced some success deploying radio-controlled missiles against Allied ships at short range. The Soviet Union advanced this concept into the 1960s with the development of the Styx. And although the United States had been developing anti-ship missiles throughout the 1960s, there now was an urgent need to compete with this new threat.

Originally called the Air-Launched Ship Attack Missile, or ALSAM, the U.S. Navy wanted to create an all-weather, long-range anti-ship missile but with one critical advantage: It wanted the flexibility to launch the same type of missile either by sea or by air. In January 1971, Naval Air Systems Command announced it would take bids for what would aptly become known as "Harpoon."

In June 1971, Secretary of the Navy John Chaffee announced that Boeing heritage company McDonnell Douglas Aeronautics had been awarded a \$60 million development contract as the prime contractor for the Harpoon missile system.

Since then, Boeing has built more than 7,200 missiles for the U.S. and 30 international navies, and Harpoon now accounts for more than \$200 million in annual business for Boeing Military Aircraft's Missiles and Unmanned Airborne Systems division, headquartered in St. Charles, Mo.

"I've worked almost exclusively on the radar seeker for 26 years, and I've watched Harpoon evolve from its earliest models," said Mike Kelly, Harpoon Test and Evaluation lab technician. "It's very impressive to see current the Harpoon version's improved longevity and reliability and imagine what's yet to come if we're only halfway through this program."

In 2011, as Boeing celebrates the program's 40th anniversary, Harpoon has long been considered the world's premier anti-ship missile.

"Our 40-year relationship with the U.S. Navy on the Harpoon program is a testament to Boeing's commitment to understanding and responding to the warfighter's needs, while consistently delivering results," said Debbie Rub, vice president and general manager for Military Aircraft's Missiles and Unmanned Airborne Systems. "Our workforce's adaptive and versatile spirit continues to keep Harpoon as relevant today as it was when we first introduced it."

Harpoon is more than just the missile, emphasized Jim Young, program manager for Harpoon and its derivative cousin, Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM ER). It is an entire system for launching and training the warfighter on a variety of delivery platforms, including more than 600 ships and 180 submarines. 12 different types of

aircraft and even land-based launchers.

Nearly 300 Boeing team members develop, build, maintain and provide operational support for Harpoon at the St. Charles facility, which opened in July 1979.

"As world threats have evolved, Boeing has improved Harpoon's capabilities," Young said, noting that the latest Block II Harpoons are modern, accurate and reliable and incorporate improvements such as a data link to enhance interoperability.

Boeing's Harpoon team also is working with the Navy to finalize an innovative trade-in process known as the Harpoon Recapitalization Program. As part of this new chapter in Harpoon's life cycle, the Navy can return unused Harpoons to Boeing for refurbishment and recycling in exchange for credits toward the purchase of enhanced missiles, lowering its weapon modernization costs.

"After many decades of cooperation," Rub said, "we continue to find innovative ways to help our Navy customer meet their warfighting needs while enabling Boeing to affordably develop and deliver the best missile system today and well into the future."

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s soon as Boeing decided to bid on the U.S. Air Force KC-46 tanker contract, the deadline started for a complete proposal package and the Shared Services Group's Creative Services team went to work.

When the Air Force awarded a development contract in February for 179 next-generation aerial refueling tanker aircraft worth upward of \$30 billion, it represented a major win for Boeing that included more than a year's worth of hard, behind-the-scenes work by Creative Services' Enterprise Proposals Services.

The team was instrumental in putting together the 8,000-page tanker bid that described every aspect of the product and the program. The paperwork eventually filled 32 cardboard boxes.

customers," Nicks said, adding that her satisfaction comes from "knowing you're bringing a lot of opportunities to Boeing and that all your hard work paid off, and it's done and it's out the door."

For the tanker proposal, Nicks said, team members waited for the official Request for Proposal, or RFP, to arrive from the customer. As soon as it did, the team swung into action. They set up servers and provided training for the subject-matter expert authors, led by "book captains." These people, nick-named "book bosses," worked on specific sections of the proposal. A multi-user Web-based publishing tool, electronic Desktop Proposal System, managed the growing document as it was created.

Making changes is a huge part of

"We were constantly going in and reformatting," Nicks said.

The last big push was printing and binding—seven copies of five separate volumes, with each copy requiring 27 three-ring binders.

Finally, on July 9, 2010, Boeing handdelivered the proposal for the KC-X tanker competition to the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. But the Proposals team wasn't finished.

After the proposal was submitted, the Air Force customer sent in hundreds of requests for additional information, called Evaluation Notices. Nicks said her team worked on these "nonstop" throughout the summer and fall.

"We were doing crazy-fast turnarounds,"

# The Proposal

How Boeing won the \$30 billion tanker competition in 8,000 pages—and many weekends of work

By Kathrine Beck

Delivering a \$30 billion winning proposal is all part of the job for Enterprise Proposals Services. In 2010, the team produced 356 other proposals.

"Our folks are frequently asked to work weekends and after hours at a moment's notice," said Roy Okamoto, manager of Enterprise Proposals Services. "They travel a lot. Any personal plans get thrown out the door. These people make so many personal sacrifices. I don't really think that gets recognized."

Kelly Nicks worked most holidays in 2010. But it was worth it, according to the St. Louis proposal coordinator.

"I really like being super busy, and I really like the interaction with our

the process, Nicks said.

"We had over 1,345 graphics and there can be 25 changes on just one graphic," Nicks said. Creative Services graphic designers in St. Louis and at other Boeing sites created the charts and technical drawings.

Some changes came from three team reviews, designated pink, red and gold. The teams attached comments to the document to be addressed by authors. Throughout the process, Creative Services editors in Puget Sound and Electronic Publishing employees in St. Louis pored over every page, correcting grammar, spelling out acronyms and ensuring that formatting and templates were correct.

she recalled. Then came a proposal update, or Final Proposal Revision, which was submitted in February.

Mike Scholes, KC-X Capture Team leader, said Creative Services was a "critical resource" that helped Boeing win the tanker competition.

"I can't tell you how important that was," he said, " and to know our team had that kind of talent and experience leading our proposal development."

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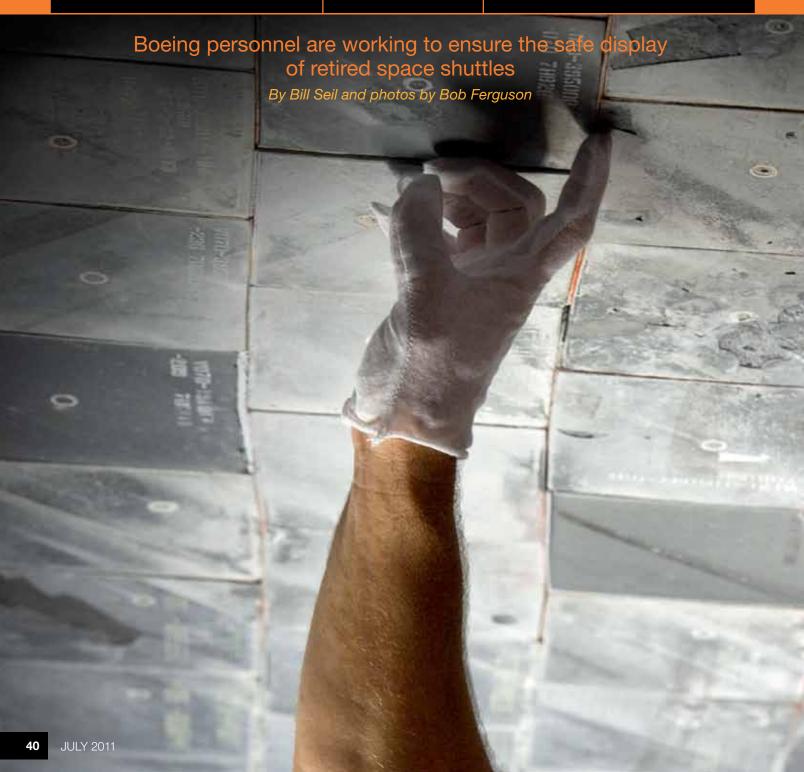


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: (Top) Boeing team reviews of the KC-X tanker proposal were designated pink, red and gold. cass weaver/Boeing; BINDER PHOTOS: shuттеrsтоск. PHOTOS: (Above, from left) Boeing St. Louis employees Dave Dolson (from left), Randy Roberds, Mike Scholes and Kelly Nicks box up the finished 8,000-page KC-X tanker proposal in July 2010. RICH RAU/BOEING

"I really like the interaction with our customers ... knowing you're bringing a lot of opportunities to Boeing."

- Kelly Nicks, St. Louis proposal coordinator

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he final chapter in the space shuttle's long journey of discovery will conclude when the four shuttles are on permanent public display at facilities around the United States.

In April, NASA announced which of a number of competing facilities would exhibit the retired shuttles. Boeing technical leads are working at Kennedy Space Center to support the "safing" of the shuttles as they complete their final missions. Technicians from the United Space Alliance, the joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin that oversees the day-to-day management of the space shuttle fleet, are following safing procedures that were developed by Boeing.

Bill Roberts, based at Huntington Beach, Calif., is project lead for the Transition & Retirement of the Space Shuttle Orbiter Fleet, a position he has held since 2005. His expertise includes 18 years as vehicle project manager for the shuttle *Discovery* and project manager for recertification of the shuttle fleet after the Columbia accident.

Roberts and his team of transitional technical managers—former subsystems managers for the program—spent more than five years searching every piece of equipment in the shuttle design to identify potential hazards. The goal is to ensure that the retired spacecraft pose no threat to museum staff or the public while on display.

"One key challenge was to write

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# The **next** frontier

The space shuttle program is a tough act to follow, but Boeing visionaries are looking ahead to what comes next in manned spaceflight.

As NASA plans its spacefaring strategy for the coming decades, near-term programs are focused on immediate needs. One of the most pressing requirements is to have a U.S. spacecraft capable of transporting people to and from the International Space Station.

Boeing is competing to build a Commercial Crew vehicle—a reusable spacecraft capable of holding up to seven people. It will dock at the space station, serving as both a round-trip transport and, if needed, a lifeboat to return astronauts to Earth in case of emergency. It will also be available for other destinations in low Earth orbit.

Mike Burghardt, Boeing's manager of spacecraft development for Commercial Crew, said space enthusiasts will notice similarities between the Commercial Crew vehicle and the Apollo command and service modules of the 1960s and early 1970s. But the mission is different and the technology is new.

In April, the Boeing Commercial Crew concept passed an important hurdle when NASA selected the company to continue into the second round of the vehicle's development program.

"Boeing has the experience and technology to support both NASA's near-term plans and help NASA to be successful in the long term as we reach out to explore beyond Earth orbit," Burghardt said.

Burghardt, who was part of the space shuttle team from 1987 to early 2010, notes that military programs also are setting the stage for future space exploration capabilities.

The X-37B orbital test vehicle, which Boeing built for the U.S. Air Force, is a good example of reusable spacecraft technology, he noted. Like the space shuttle, the X-37B is a winged vehicle that lands on a runway after returning from orbit. But the X-37B is unmanned and much smaller than the shuttle. It completed its first successful de-orbit and landing late last year after a 220-day experimental test mission.

Boeing will continue to work with NASA and the U.S. military to advance the future of space exploration, Burghardt said. But future programs could also involve more international collaboration and privately funded projects.



the requirements for safing the vehicles without disturbing their airworthiness," Roberts said. "After the safing operations are completed at Kennedy Space Center, most of the orbiters must be ferry-flown by 747 to the areas where they will be displayed."

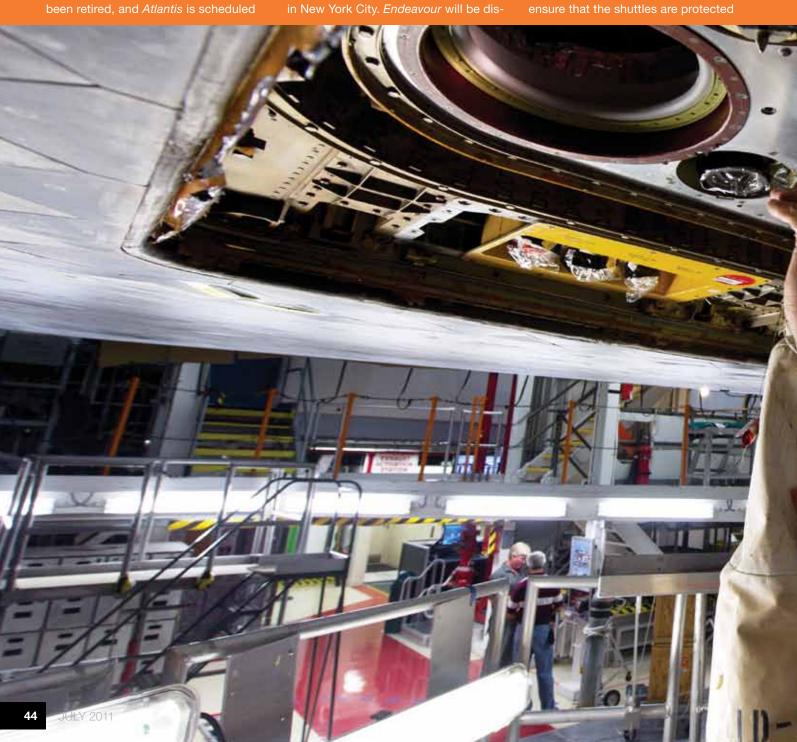
In 2004, then-President George W. Bush announced that the shuttle fleet would be retired following the completion of the International Space Station. *Discovery* and *Endeavour* have already been retired, and *Atlantis* is scheduled

to complete its final mission this month. *Enterprise*, which was not designed for orbital flight, has been on public display for several years and is not part of the current safing program.

Discovery will be displayed at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport near Washington, D.C. Enterprise, which is currently on exhibit at the Udvar-Hazy Center, will be moved to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City. Endeavour will be dis-

played at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. *Atlantis* will only require ground transportation, since it will go on permanent display at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida. The current schedule calls for all four shuttles being moved to their display locations during 2012.

Roberts said Boeing engineers also will be involved in the movement and final display of the shuttles. One of their chief responsibilities will be to ensure that the shuttles are protected



and that nothing is done to disturb their structural integrity.

"Positioning the orbiters for display is likely to be very challenging, because each display site will probably want to orient the vehicle in a different way," Roberts said. "As the vehicle is being prepared for display, our design team will be available to help resolve any issues."

Roberts noted that Boeing is preparing a data pack for each of the shuttles that will include a complete history of the vehicle—from assembly through its various missions. The packs will be presented to the facilities that are displaying the vehicles.

"I look forward to getting out to the display sites and making sure that each of these vehicles is, number one, safe for display," Roberts said. "Secondly, I'd like to see them displayed in a manner that highlights their design, because this vehicle is unlike any other vehicle that has ever been constructed by man."

Jim Melnick, a Boeing mechanisms engineer, is among the technical leads

who are preparing the shuttles for display. The son of former shuttle astronaut Bruce Melnick, he has been working on shuttle missions since graduating from college in 2003.

"It kind of brings closure to the whole thing," Melnick said. "I've been able to see the program through to completion, and now I get to see the orbiters off to their final homes."

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#### 55 years

Elton Schmitt

#### 50 years

Ralph Brown Dean Hillard John Volk

#### 45 years

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#### 40 years

Georgia Barnett William Bower Philip Cowell Alexis Cunningham Melissa Dodson James Forte Richard Johnson Barbara Jones Carol Joslin Neil Kessler Doris Lenox Leif Logan David Maynard Lou Terry Sandra Wilson Curtis Wooley

#### 35 years

Richard Austin Nicholas Baker Larry Barner Olyn Boyle Ronald Brown Larry Butler Dennis Cardenas Marsha Clark Cynthia Cohens Jacqueline Collier William Collins William Cribb Lawrence Dawson Mark Dooley James Dyke Russell Evans Gasper Fatta David Force

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#### 25 years

Kent Achelpohl Robert Adams Jon Akers David Albano Ricki Alderson **Bradley Alley** Samuel Almelia Dwavne Amaral Charles Anderson James Anderson Sean Anderson Catherine Andrews James Angelos Patricia Armstrona John Atwell Chris Au Waddah Awad Harold Bailev James Baker Melissa Baker George Balbin Karen Baldtrip

Alexander Baldwin David Barker Michael Barnett Dean Barron Darryl Barton Paul Battraw Scott Beabout Walter Beauchamp Andrew Beck Steven Beland Douglas Benson Richard Benson John Berglund Glen Bergman Kathy Bergman Duane Bickham Linda Billig Roger Birkner James Biteman Deborah Blomberg Royal Boggs James Boileau John Bonato Gary Bond Richard Boren Paul Bornais Micheal Borsheim Delbert Bostwick Karen Bower Stanley Bozarth Frances Bradley Robert Brannon Suzan Brennan Carol Brickman Eddie Bright Ernesto Briseno Elizabeth Brison Franklin Bromley Wayne Brough Charles Brown Stanley Brown Charles Broyles Robert Buffo Lanh Bui Cvnthia Bulldis Ray Bullock Ian Burford Robert Burkentine Matthew Bush James Butz John Byington Dennis Cajili Turgut Cakiraga Daniel Calhoun Michael Callahan Michelle Callaway Forrest Callicutt Victor Cao Dana Carlson Roger Carlson Matthew Carter Anthony Case Isidro Casillas Corey Cassell Vincent Castagna

Diana Castano

Brent Cawley Michael Cebula Daniel Cetkovski Fai Chan Kou-Chuan Chang Kwun-Wing Cheung Brian Chippendale Steven Chisholm Mark Chrestler Randy Christenson Jin Chun James Clark Lvnn Clark Colleen Clemons Christopher Cline Ron Coke Meiling Colie William Conchi Corey Cooley Steven Cooper Robert Corfman Michele Cornell-Potts Delven Corpuz Anne Coxon Michelle Crivella Floyd Cruz Sandra Cunningham Donald Dagostino Teena Dalit Regina Daly Keith Dana Mark Dana Sok Dang Myrna Dasalla James Davenport Betta David Louis Davidson Sergio Davila Brian Davis Donna Davis Kevin Davis Gregory Davison Fernando De La Torre Dorothy Deangelis Kathleen Delong Rowena Deluz Samuel Denham John Denzer Saverio Desimone Greg DeWilde Elizabeth Dietz Paul Dimario Joseph Dinan Sheila Dixon Karlin Dodd Steven Dodd Todd Doerflinger Douglas Donnelly Danny Doronio Barry Dougherty Joseph Dougherty Terrence Douglas Dennis Doutre

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David Gubbels

Mark Gucker Richard Guth Steven Guynn Hans Gyswyt David Haab Vincent Haag Larry Hall Noah Ham Randall Hamline Barry Hance Paul Handel Cornelius Hang Thomas Hankley Richard Hanna Paul Hansen Lynn Hanson Donna Harper Randall Hasebe Hal Hav Patricia Haycock Donna Heckart Timothy Hell David Henderson Mark Henderson Rae Henderson William Hermann Charlene Herron Timothy Herzer Stephen Heskett Frank Hess Yukie Higashi Brian Hill Claire Hillis Jon Hinchliff Charles Hix Peter Hoang Matthew Hodges Rachel Hofferbert Donna Hoffman David Holland Christopher Honer Russell Hossack George Huddleston-Kohler Thomas Humphrys Mike Hund Dale Huselton Max Hussev David Inman Kevin Isdell Steven Ivy Susan Jacintho Diane Jackson Arne Jacobsen Diane Jacobson Hamid Jamshidiat Victor Jarosz Wayne Jensen Kathy Johanning Mark Johanson Douglas Johnson Eric Johnson Ronald Johnson Scott Johnston Patty Jones

Michael Judkins

Douglas Keating Paul Kegley Kenneth Kehnemund Alan Kernik Benjamin Kershman Mary Kesterson Shirley Keys Charles Kiley Jason Kim David Kinney Melinda Kleine Dean Kloes Jolinda Knight Bruce Kolarik David Koon Brian Kopp Gregory Korando Kristen Koscal Scott Kozak Daniel Kredit Jennifer Kressbach Judith Krott David Kulp Timothy Kuo Margaret Lacher Angie Lam Frederic Lambert Craig Lamm Adam Lange Dale Larson Paul Larson Stuart Laughlin John Lauman John Lawrence Tuan Le William Leavitt Joseph Lee Michael Lempke William Leonard Lee Lepper Robert Levy Michael Lincoln Carolyn Loew Steven Lohe Vicki Lord Henry Loureiro Carol Love Leslie Lovett Antonio Lova William Lueker Patrick Lui Ba Luong Tai Ly Edward Lynch Leona Lyon Junis MacDonald Ronald Maesner Gary Maher Nicholas Marble Jeffrev Marker Alan Markus Susan Marth Brian Martin Larry Masden Thomas Mast Michiko Masters

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## **RETIREMENTS:** The following employees retired in May from The Boeing Company.

Mark Schwarztrauber

Elaine Abel, 24 years
Abdul-Aleem Ahmed, 33 years
Catherine Allen, 18 years
Daniel Almond, 22 years
Ronald Almond, less than 1 year
Mykal Amare, 27 years
Kathleen Anastasiadis, 6 years
Alan Anderson, 42 years
Robert Arne, 39 years
Robert Arvizu, 42 years
Deborah Askew, 22 years
Craig Baarstad, 32 years
Richard Bailey, 23 years
Dennis Baird, 31 years

Robert Baker, 19 years
Elaine Balentine, 6 years
Bruce Baranick, 36 years
Dale Barnhart, 32 years
Sharon Barnhart, 32 years
Leroy Basher, 33 years
Jane Becker, 26 years
Forrest Beckwith, 22 years
Daniel Beilman, 42 years
Terri B'Hymer, 25 years
Ronald Blouin, 32 years
Mary Boles, 22 years
Daniel Bourdon, 10 years
Timothy Braxmeyer, 31 years

Cathy Bunker, 43 years
Eugene Bunker, 20 years
Ronald Burton, 40 years
William Bytheway, 21 years
Steven Campbell, 30 years
Duane Case, 33 years
David Clingan, 29 years
Linda Coffin, 26 years
Susan Cox, 25 years
Glenn Crawford, 33 years
Bonita Crumpton, 3 years
Sharon Culbertson, 19 years
Glynis Day, 10 years
Wayne Denningmann, 29 years

David Doering, 32 years
Gary Doty, 22 years
William Dykes, 25 years
Eulojio Flores, 33 years
Steve Fried, 5 years
Russell Gale, 24 years
Gary Geddes, 23 years
Karon Gilbertson, 25 years
John Gjerdrum, 34 years
Walter Gutsche, 19 years
Stefan Haller, 29 years
Gregory Hammond, 11 years
Janet Hampton, 25 years
Paul Hebert, 19 years

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James Lee, 25 years Ernest Lefebvre, 37 years Charles Lohse, 33 years Rosemary Loper, 30 years Michael Lovelace, 44 years Patricia Lunderman, 38 years Roberto Maanao, 22 years Kathy Marler, 36 years Patrick McClelland, 38 years Rita McCorkle, 17 years Vincent McFaddin, 36 years Earl McIntyre, 33 years Emma McLemore, 20 years Robert Meek, 30 years Steven Meintz, 32 years Viola Meintz, 40 years William Mitchell, 21 years Charles Moore, 45 years Kay Moore, 40 years Michael Mueller, 25 years Mitchell Munday, 31 years Daniel Murphy, 30 years David Nearing, 30 years Brenda Oishi, 20 years Melvin Overhulser, 25 years Shelly Parks, 31 years Arie Passchier, 43 years Sharon Peters, 33 years

Mark Pethe, 30 years Thomas Pfaff, 32 years Cheryl Platzer, 21 years Howard Porter, 31 years Bruce Quinn, 31 years Gilbert Ramirez, 12 years Anton Ranuio, 5 years James Ratley, 21 years James Reno, 28 years Gerald Rohr, 33 years Mary-Lou Ross, 14 years Jon Ruopsa, 22 years Joseph Ruzowicz, 13 years Richard Sackman, 38 years Hattie Sapp, 21 years Steven Sargeant, 34 years Evelyn Schauner, 29 years Ann Scott, 15 years Elizabeth Scott, 21 years Harold Scott, 25 years Bharat Shah, 30 years Tilak Sharma, 32 years Jen-Mei Shih, 28 years Steven Shimamoto, 28 years Thomas Simco, 14 years Jacqueline Smith, 25 years Steven Stanford, 20 years Sandra Stedman, 38 years

Michael Stollings, 24 years Daniel Straney, 28 years Thomas Sutherland, 35 years Hong Tang, 24 years Ruben Tarin, 27 years Jewel Tate, 32 years Andrew Thompson, 26 years James Timmons, 7 years Kwan Tong, 32 years Steven Trainer, 17 years Kathryn Treiber, 30 years William Tucker, 25 years Gary Unterwegner, 28 years James Vacca, 47 years Barbara Vennman, 13 years Solita Villaflor, 20 years Richard Vonwald, 37 years Ramon Warren, 32 years John Webb, 23 years Deborah Wellman, 29 years Bonnie Whiting, 25 years Earnest Williams, 38 years John Williams, 32 years Michael Williams, 12 years Warren Williamson, 33 years Wilfredo Yee, 23 years Yen Yee, 8 years

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### IN MEMORIAM:

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

Leroy Baker, machinist; service date Nov. 13, 1980; died June 3

**Dorothy Bybee**, procurement coordinator; service date March 2, 1970; died April 9

**Gregory Coleman,** factory service attendant; service date Sept. 24, 2010; died May 27

John Dechene, assembly mechanic; service date April 21, 1988; died May 31

Lawrence Gusa, manufacturing planner; service date July 18, 1988; died April 9

Michael Hoag, procurement; service date July 4, 1983; died April 10

**Lewis Howells,** project manager; service date Oct. 24, 1997; died May 25

Dae Kim, engineer; service date Jan. 14, 2001; died May 29

Arthur Lowell, engineer; service date July 12, 1982; died May 30

Verlyn McGrath, accountant; service date Sept. 20, 2005; died April 8

Robert Nowak, engineer; service date July 7, 1985; died May 28

Scott Shearer, staff analyst; service date Aug. 22, 1983; died May 27

Robert Spires, system engineer; service date June 22, 2000; died April 9

**Robert Susanka**, technical data designer; service date June 30, 1980; died April 5

Sarah Wall, accountant; service date Feb. 11, 2011; died June 5, 2011

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## In Focus

#### **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**

The Space Shuttle *Endeavour* is shown docked to the International Space Station on *Endeavour*'s final flight in May. The photo was taken by a crew member on board a Russian Soyuz capsule as it left the station to return to Earth. It was the first shuttle ever photographed from another space vehicle while the shuttle was docked with the massive orbiting platform. Only one shuttle flight remains: *Atlantis* is scheduled to visit the space station this month. The space shuttles are being retired and will have new homes in museums around the United States. (See story on Page 40 in this issue of *Frontiers*.)



