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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: 2013 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award Selection

I am pleased to inform you that the recipient of the 2013 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award, known as the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence, is the U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk Recapitalization Program at Corpus Christi Army Depot. A brief summary of their accomplishments is attached.

Annually, the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Program recognizes the outstanding Department of Defense depot-level military maintenance program. This year we received nine nominations forwarded by the Military Services. Each nominee should be proud of their exceptional performance and contribution to our Nation's defense.

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony is scheduled for October 30, 2013, in the Pentagon Auditorium. One of the highlights of the awards ceremony will be the presentation of the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence.

Please extend my sincere congratulations on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to the U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk Recapitalization Program Team and to all of the nominees for their outstanding efforts.

My point of contact is Mr. Michael P. Hynes, ODASD(MPP), at 703-697-1903 or michael.p.hynes.civ@mail.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Kendall", is positioned above the printed name.

Frank Kendall

Attachment:
As stated

Summary Accomplishments for the
2013 Secretary of Defense Robert T. Mason Award for Depot
Maintenance Excellence Winner

UH-60 Black Hawk Recapitalization Program
Corpus Christi Army Depot
Corpus Christi, Texas
United States Army

The UH-60 Black Hawk Recapitalization Program at Corpus Christi Army Depot converts and extends UH-60A aircraft, which entered the Army inventory in 1979, through equipment overhauls, structural upgrades, and technology and system enhancements to the more advanced UH-60L. The program gives each recapped UH-60 an additional 10 years of service while enabling the Army to avoid procuring newer and costlier replacements. In FY 2012, the program completed a record high total of 50 recapped aircraft, a level of output that was not expected for another 4 years. Most impressively, it achieved that production level through process improvements that lowered recap costs and shortened turnaround times by 17 percent. Those process improvements included use of innovative technologies, Lean production techniques, industry best refurbishing practices, and others, all of which are continuing to contribute to the depot's overall high performance. The Army's UH-60 Black Hawk Recapitalization Program has truly demonstrated that it is a worthy recipient of the 2013 Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence – the highest award for depot-level maintenance in the Department of Defense.