Norwich University Visited by Austrian Ambassador

In late June, Norwich University had the honor of welcoming the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Petra Schneebauer, along with the entire Austrian Delegation. They conducted a meeting with senior members of the University’s administration, strengthening the long-standing relationship between Norwich and Austria. After the meeting, Ambassador Schneebauer was given a personalized tour of the University’s campus, followed by a luncheon at the Sullivan Museum. Ambassador Schneebauer concluded the event with insightful remarks at the luncheon attended by members of the Norwich University administration, faculty, and students. Last January, leaders of the Vermont National Guard visited Austria, where an agreement between Norwich University and Theresian Military Academy for an educational and cultural cadet exchange program was agreed upon.

David Clark Co. Space Suit Worn on Flight Test

In early June, two NASA astronauts wore David Clark Company’s newest space suit into orbit. Launched aboard Boeing’s Starliner spacecraft at 10:52 a.m. EDT, as part of Crew Flight Test, the two crewmembers wore their Salus suits throughout launch operations, beginning their journey to the International Space Station. They will wear the suits for docking and reentry operations as they complete this certification flight of the vehicle and the suit. The S1100 Salus is the lightest weight space suit ever flown and does not require the complexity, mass, and bulk associated with liquid cooling. Integral air-cooling features kept crewmembers cool as they waited on the pad before launch. Innovative design features have been incorporated into the suit. It has a wide field of view, high mobility elbows and shoulders, and minimal bulk, which ensures crewmembers have maximum capability for both nominal and contingency operations.

KBR Receives Award for Humanitarian Accomplishments

KBR was honored to receive the Tier 1 Vanguard Global Impact Award from the International Stability Operations Association (ISOA) last week. ISOA is an organization that engages both government and private sectors in support of stability and peace throughout the world. ISOA selected KBR for the Vanguard award based on KBR’s humanitarian support of displaced Afghans and the company’s support of stability efforts in Europe after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Under Operation Allies Welcome in 2021–2022, KBR rapidly developed vital infrastructure across nine sites in the United States and Europe to support displaced Afghans. In early 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine, KBR provided a crisis action planning team in Kaiserslautern, Germany, to support the U.S. Army under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP). KBR continues to work closely with the U.S. government and host nations to provide full-service life support for stability efforts across Europe.

AOPA Safety Institute Names New Leader

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association’s (AOPA’s) Air Safety Institute has named Mike Ginter, a general aviation advocate and retired U.S. Navy pilot, to lead them. AOPA’s Air Safety Institute has delivered information and education to pilots for more than 70 years. Prior to this appointment, Ginter served as AOPA’s vice president of airports and state advocacy, leading efforts to protect airports, resolving more than 700 airport issues on behalf of AOPA members, and bringing 1000 new volunteers into the AOPA Airport Support Network. He also recently led the effort to plan and execute the successful National Celebration of General Aviation Flyover of Washington, DC.

ALPA’s President Delivers Remarks on Airbus

In a speech before the International Aviation Club of Washington, Capt. Jason Ambrosi, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, Int’l (ALPA), highlighted the safety risks of operating commercial airliners without at least two pilots on the flight deck, as Airbus is currently pursuing. Ambrosi also unveiled an ALPA white paper that highlights the well-established fact that pilots cannot be replaced through advances in technology and outlines the benefits of having at least two pilots on the flight deck. In a recent poll commissioned by ALPA of the flying public, 79% of respondents said they would feel less safe flying on remotely operated planes, and 73% said they would never feel comfortable flying without two pilots on the flight deck. Reduced-crew operations cause higher workloads for the remaining pilot, risks the incapacitation of the single pilot, and reduces the safety and security of commercial air transportation to an unacceptable level.

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