



Curtiss-Wright Chairman and CEO Martin R. Benante Honored By USO

ROSELAND, N.J., Dec. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW) Chairman and CEO Martin R. Benante was honored last night by the USO of Metropolitan New York at its annual Armed Forces Gala and Gold Medal Dinner for support of the organization's mission to provide programs and services to military personnel and their families.

The event, which was held on the 64th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, paid tribute to America's military and those in the corporate world who, through their professional and philanthropic efforts, have provided support to members of the U.S. armed services and their families.

"The USO exemplifies what is great about America and the American spirit, and we are a better and stronger nation as a result of what this organization achieves on behalf of our troops all around the world," said Mr. Benante. "I accept this award on behalf of the nearly 6,000 dedicated employees of Curtiss-Wright and I salute all who have served our country with honor and helped to keep the world safe for those who embrace freedom."

"I am also filled with a sense of great pride in the role that Curtiss-Wright has played in our nation's defense. Whether in the skies, on land or at sea, we've had the privilege of serving every branch of the U.S. military, providing critical defense systems that have helped protect America for nearly nine decades," he said.

Mr. Benante is a career employee of Curtiss-Wright, having served in various executive and operating positions since joining the Company in 1978. Prior to his election to Chairman and CEO, Mr. Benante was responsible for Curtiss-Wright's participation on numerous military programs. In the aerospace division, Mr. Benante was responsible for the management and production of components for the H-60 Blackhawk Helicopter, F-14 Tomcat Fighter Jet, F/A-18 Hornet Fighter Jet, and F-16 Fighting Falcon Fighter Jet.

The largest of these programs, the F-16, was awarded under Mr. Benante's leadership and today Curtiss-Wright continues to support the entire fleet of 4,300 F-16s globally. In the naval division, Mr. Benante strategically positioned Curtiss-Wright to become a leading supplier of critical service valves, pumps, generators, and instrumentation and control systems utilized on every nuclear powered submarine and aircraft carrier commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

Curtiss-Wright has Long-Standing History Supporting U.S. Armed Forces

Curtiss-Wright has served the military since World War I, providing critical defense systems that have helped protect America for nearly nine decades. During the First World War, the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation was the largest military aircraft manufacturer in the world, employing more than 21,000 workers and producing more than 100 planes each week in support of America and her allies.

Curtiss-Wright played an equally important role for the U.S. in World War II, building more than 29,000 aircraft, including the famous P-40 War Hawk plane that was used with devastating effect by the legendary "Fighting Tigers" just weeks after Pearl Harbor.

Today, Curtiss-Wright continues to develop mission-critical technologies for every branch of the U.S. military and numerous allied forces. Curtiss-Wright's highly engineered products contribute to the superior performance of military aircraft such as the F/A-22 Raptor, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and Global Hawk; naval ships, including Virginia Class submarines, CVN-21 aircraft carrier and DDG destroyers; and ground vehicles such as the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Abrams Tank and the Stryker Mobile Gun.

About Curtiss-Wright

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Roseland, New Jersey. The company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications, and provides metal treatment services. Curtiss-Wright employs approximately 5,900 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found at www.curtisswright.com.

About The USO

The USO of Metropolitan New York (www.usony.org) was founded in 1941 under a charter from the US Congress to provide cultural, educational and recreational services and programs to military personnel and their families. The USO is a non profit, nongovernmental organization supported entirely through the generosity of private individuals, corporations and associations with both monetary and in-kind contributions.

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