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Dameron Wins:

**ICI CASTING COMPETITION
"BEST INDUSTRIAL CASTING"**

Dameron Alloy Foundries won the 2009 Investment Casting Institute's Casting Competition "Best Industrial Casting" Award at ICI's 56th Technical Conference and Expo.

This competition recognizes foundries with "manufacture components that best illustrate & promote the benefits & flexibility of the investment casting process, or which demonstrate problem solving techniques for the customer".



VP of Operations Jeff Milucky, and DAFCO Plant Manager Carlos Chavez accepting the 2009 ICI "Best Industrial Casting" Award.

This was Dameron's first time entering the Investment Casting Institute's Casting Competition after nearly 65 years in the investment casting business. VP of Sales, Charlie Wolfe, believed that DAF had a very good chance of placing in the competition the first time he saw the part Dameron submitted for entry.

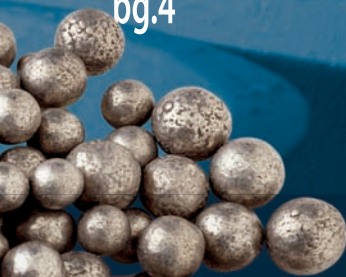


The complex grid is vital to the functioning of the part. The casting is injected in three waxes and poured in one shot.

Dameron entered Cla-Val's Roll Seal Casting, with Cla-Val's permission. The casting is quite complex due to the need to facilitate an internal grid which is critical to the functioning of the part. This grid feature is uniform around the internal diameter, it is very difficult to access and must be free from defects. This casting is basically a "part within a part" and, as designed, the investment casting process is the only intelligent method in which to make a cost-

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Dameron Wins ICI Best Casting... cont



The Cla-Val's Roll Seal Casting is part of a family of identically designed parts of different sizes.

...effective part, usable in the "as cast" condition- without the need for secondary machining. Due to the size of the finished wax pattern robots and a custom made manipulator are used during shelling. Special considerations are made throughout the investment process as the final pour weight, including gates and risers, is approximately 280 lbs. The final casting weight 142lbs and is used as cast. s

Dameron In The Community

MILLER'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OPENING

On December 8, 2009, Long Beach Miller's Children's Hospital unveiled the new children's ward, a long anticipated project that has been in the works for nearly 10 years.

John Dameron served as the Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Directors during the fundraising and building of this community triumph. Though his term ended the previous year, Mr. Dameron was asked to speak during this prestigious ceremony. During his speech, he recounted his attendance of the opening of Miller's Children's Hospital in the 1970's as a boy scout, and now, nearly 40 years later- he was attending the first expansion of the footprint of the children's hospital.

"This is the most important thing any of us will ever do. Never will we achieve anything which directly impacts and helps so many of the children and families in our community. This day, a long awaited dream has finally been realized." -John Dameron

It was a day of much excitement, and was kicked off by a "Parade of Heros" with local firefighters, police officers, officials, and current and former patients of Miller's Children's Hospital. Among the other speakers were former mayor of Long Beach, Beverly O'Neil, various city council members, and senators. The new ward officially opened to patients this January. s



SHOWN ABOVE: John Dameron Speaking at the grand opening of the new ward of Miller's Children's Hospital.

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Dameron Recognized by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



This February, the United States Department of Defense recognized Dameron Alloy Foundries as a Patriotic Employer, for Dameron's continual support of our coworkers serving in the military.

Dameron was nominated by DAF's VP of Human Resources Agustin "Auggie" Huerta for our support of him during his military duties. Chief Master Sergeant Huerta serves as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 452d Air Mobility Wing, Air Force Reserve Command at March Air Reserve Base, in California. His military service, along with his life and career

as a civilian have been tough at times to manage, but he found at Dameron, a company who valued and accommodated his duties as a member of the Airforce Reserve, and a member of our Management Team.

After an impressive 35 year career, Chief Huerta is due to retire from service this year. Dameron is incredibly proud of his sacrifice and commitment to the country, as they are proud of all our coworkers and their families who provide military service. s



Dameron Participates as Supplier to US Military NIGHTVISION SCOPE PROGRAM



SHOWN ABOVE: The Nightvision scope attached to Military Vehicles.

Dameron is pleased to support our Armed Forces with the manufacture of castings for BAE Systems and their DVE, Driver Vision Enhancer program.

The DVE program is a night vision system providing the driver of a Humvee or other military vehicle the ability to operate at night without the aid of any form of lighting, and therefore, with a high degree of anonymity. These systems are very sophisticated, are made with propriety technology, and provide our military with the advantage of operating with a high degree of security and safety. Potential threats are quickly identified and are dealt with well in advance helping to keep our service people out of harms way. This system is currently being manufactured for use in both Afghanistan and Iraq. s

Dameron Sends **MARINE CARE PACKAGE** BY: CHARLIE WOLFE



Herb during a tour in Iraq

“Several weeks ago I was talking to Greg Sandling of Thermocouple USA (Compton aerospace customer) and asked how his son-in-law, Herb Skinner, a Sergeant in the Marines serving active duty in Afghanistan, was doing.” Greg replied that “Herb was OK but that day the Marines had lost 14 men and it’s a tough, difficult fight in an inhospitable location.” Greg, and his daughter Christopher who is married to Herb, are always thinking and worrying about him.

Dameron has a history of supporting our service men and women and CEO/President John Dameron had the great idea of sending Greg a care package. There really is no better way to cheer-up the troops than when they get packages from home. John kicked off the event with a generous financial donation and an email was sent to the employees explaining the situation and asking for donations. Over 220lbs of goods were collected! They included everything from beef jerky, cookies and

instant meals to paperback books, car magazines and playing cards.

Herb is in 1st Radio Battalion, Charlie Company and has been with the Marine Corps for almost 7 years. He completed basic training at MCRD in San Diego and has done 3 tours to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, 2 were back to back. This is his 1st tour to Afghanistan with each being typically 6-7 months. The current tour to Afghanistan will be about 8 months long, he has been gone 6 ½ months as of the end of July.

Thanks to all who helped make this care package a reality. You may not consider what you donated to be all that much, but rest assured for our troops, it’s a very big deal and greatly appreciated. **s**



Earthquake Rocks Dafmex **DAMAGE REPORT**

Early on Easter Sunday, April 4th, Mexicali, Mexico was hit with a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Dameron’s Dafmex facility is located almost directly on the epicenter.

Coming directly on the heels of the devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, our team immediately attempted to contact Dafmex plant manager Oscar Espinosa to assess the damage the quake had wrought- fearing the worst.

Despite many fallen ceiling tiles and overhead lights, a large non-structural crack in a wall, several shattered waxes and toppled trees- There was minimal damage to the foundry!

Through hundreds of smaller aftershocks, the clearing of broken waxes was handled over hours on Monday morning, and by that same afternoon, production returned to normal.



The Dafmex Lunch Room right after the quake

We are thankful everyone at Dafmex was unharmed, and for the dedication of our Dafmex team, who were instrumental in preventing disruption to our customers’ orders. **s**

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