Many Sikorsky teams enjoyed picnics this summer. Here’s a sampling:

**CH-53K Helicopter Team Picnic**
On July 15, 2010, approximately 230 CH-53K helicopter team members representing Sikorsky and NAVAIR gathered at Booth Park in Stratford, Conn., to rally under the “One Team, One Fight” motto. Together, several team members competed in volleyball and horseshoe tournaments while enjoying good food and fun at the event. The team conducted its Critical Design Review in New Haven, Conn., in July.

**SAS Summer Picnic**
Despite some rain, more than 300 SAS employees enjoyed the annual SAS picnic this summer. All proceeds from the $5 admission charge benefited three charities – the Sikorsky Fallen Heroes Fund, Team Brent and The Tommy Fund for childhood cancer research. With additional money raised at an ice cream event, more than $3,500 was donated to charity.

**Huntsville Picnic Brings in Funds for Neonatal ICU**
Sikorsky Huntsville held a summer employee picnic in July at Vincent Park on Redstone Arsenal. Employees and their families enjoyed a barbeque lunch, swimming and kickball. Keri Merrick, Engineering Project Lead, BLACK HAWK Engineering Services Memorandum, and Brenda Hendrick, Army Programs, were the event coordinators. Sikorsky managers bravely entered the dunking booth to raise money for the Melissa George Neonatal (NICU) Memorial Fund. The NICU at Huntsville hospital has helped several newborn members of the Sikorsky family.

**Quality Department Celebrates Summer**
During the week of July 12, the Quality Department celebrated summer on all three shifts. The fun began with a second shift barbecue on Monday, followed by a third shift breakfast on Wednesday, culminating with a picnic for all at Wolfe Park in Monroe, Conn., on Thursday.

Employees were asked to donate to benefit the Give2TheTroops “Beat the Heat” Campaign, which sends care packages to soldiers deployed in Afghanistan. In exchange, employees had a chance to dunk quality management team members. The dunk tank was not only entertaining, but also earned $1,800 for the troops!

**SGH Coatesville Summer Picnic**
SGH collected $800 in donations from the sale of 800 hot dogs at this third annual event held to support our troops. Supplies were collected and will be sent to units of the military where SGH employees know soldiers. Meanwhile, SGH employee Bill Dollhancey has retained his lead in the hot dog eating contest for the second consecutive year.

**Operations Hosts Fourth Family Day at Lake Compounce**
More than 8,000 Sikorsky employees, family members and guests from the Sikorsky Operations team attended the fourth annual Family Day at Lake Compounce in Bristol, Conn. Due to the high demand this year, the event was held on two days in July. Attendees took over the picnic pavilion area for a day of fun and employee engagement. Displays were erected to showcase Sikorsky products, with help from the Sales and Marketing team. Employees enjoyed food and beverages, and the park’s rides and attractions were open for enjoyment by Sikorsky employees and guests. “We wanted our employees to celebrate all of their accomplishments with their families and coworkers,” said Dave Driscoll, Director, Program Quality.

**NASA Intern Mentored**
This summer, R&E welcomed NASA-sponsored intern Dunica Macide who was mentored by System Engineering Manager Theodora Saunders. Dunica’s work focused on the requirements development process improvements initiative using Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) tools. Requirements development had been identified as an ACE Critical To Quality process forming the foundation for successful programs execution.

“Whether requirements are external customer-driven or Sikorsky enterprise-driven, these tools and processes are essential for meeting performance objectives within cost and schedule,” said Saunders.

Dunica used systems engineering process and methodologies including the Design Structure Matrix (DSM) and CORE software to model the system engineering standard process focusing on the requirements development. The CORE software enables integration of all aspects of requirements analysis, systems architecture, and verification and validation in support of the full product development life cycle.

“By mentoring young engineers, we continue to further Igor Sikorsky’s legacy, while strengthening the competitiveness of America’s aerospace industry,” Saunders said. Last year’s NASA intern, Nick Pezzente, went on to join Sikorsky’s University of New Haven Engineer-in-Residence program.

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