



Curtiss-Wright to Ring NYSE Closing Bell Marking Centennial Of Wright Brothers' Flight

ROSELAND, N.J., Dec. 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW; CW.B) today announced that Martin R. Benante, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer will ring The Closing Bell™ at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, December 12th in honor of the 100th anniversary of the first flight by the Wright brothers on December 17, 1903. Mr. Benante will be joined on the bell podium by company executives and representatives from the U.S. Air Force.

On December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville Wright completed the first successful controlled flight using a wood ribbed biplane with a 12-horsepower engine. He piloted the plane for 12 seconds, traveling about 120 feet. Orville and his brother Wilbur shared the spirit of innovation. Their craft is known today as the "Wright Flyer." This flight marked one of the greatest advancements in the history of man. On December 17, 2003, there will be a re-enactment of the original Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Curtiss-Wright is a major sponsor of this international event and company executives and its Board of Directors will be in attendance as a replica of the original plane takes off at 10:35 am, the exact time and place the original flight took place.

Curtiss-Wright Corporation was created in 1929 by the merger of the Wright brothers' companies with those of Glenn Curtiss, also a major aviation pioneer and, later that year, listed on the NYSE under the symbol "CW." Today, Curtiss-Wright is a multinational provider of highly engineered products and precision manufacturing services to the defense, commercial aerospace and industrial markets. The Company operates through three business segments: Motion Control, Flow Control, and Metal Treatment.

In addition to the Centennial of Flight celebration, Curtiss-Wright is approaching its 75th anniversary for both its founding and listing on the NYSE. Activities commemorating this diamond milestone will be scheduled throughout the coming year.

"The Wright brothers' were not only great inventors, they had great intestinal fortitude to overcome the fear of crashing and possibility of death, which was the fate of many glider pilots at that time. Their vision resulted in the creation of a maneuverable plane, and in the process determined many of the principles of aeronautics that guide aerospace development to this day," said Martin R. Benante, Curtiss-Wright CEO and Chairman. "Today, Curtiss-Wright is a diversified, global enterprise delivering highly engineered, technologically advanced, value-added products and services to a broad range of industries. Yet, we maintain the same guiding principles as those early aviators -- pioneering, progressing, perfecting and advancing."

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 is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 4,500 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at www.curtisswright.com.

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