SENEDIA Member Spotlight – CAPEWELL

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Founded in 1881, Capewell has been a world leading supplier to military customers for more than 125 years. It all started with the horseshoe nails, forged in Hartford, CT and delivered to the US Cavalry for many decades.

Then in the 1940’s the Army Airborne challenged Capewell to come up with a way for paratroopers to quickly disconnect from their chute to avoid being dragged by the wind after landing. It had to be simple, strong, and most importantly it could not fail! The solution was the Capewell parachute release. The rugged reliability of the Capewell release has proved itself time and time again. Having been in service over 50 years it, it continues to save lives on the US Army’s latest T-11 and MC-6 troop parachutes.

Since then, Capewell has moved manufacturing to South Windsor, CT and has earned a place in the Aerospace Alley. With some smart acquisitions over the years, we have expanded the life support production line into hardware for ejection systems, life rafts, and a clever little egress system for large aircraft called the Emergency Descent Device.

EDD video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcShByTnVRk

The other half of our business deals with cargo delivery systems and air drop equipment. The recent threat from IED has made military airdrop the preferred method of delivering supplies in OIF and OEF. Dropping over 30,000 lbs of cargo out the back of a plane can be quite a challenge. So not only do we make the equipment, but we have former military instructors on staff to provide training and teach our international customers how to do it safely and properly.

C-130 Airdrop Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylXUzb7ZCSU

Today, Capewell exports equipment to our military allies around the world and continues to work closely with our own Department of Defense to innovate life support and aerial delivery solutions.

Helicopter Sling Load Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYdGZ3qCUwQ

We combine our small company agility with a big company capability to provide the total package of design, manufacture, technical support and training.

To get an idea about the customers we serve, take a look at these videos below:

Army T-11 Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okmo9ClCopQ
DLA Riggers Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lv4d7sIX7U