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1. Introduction

Joint Command and Control System (JC2S) pallets serve as a mobile command system for commanders. A single system is comprised of 3 463L aircraft pallets, loaded into the rear cargo area of a C-17 and C-130 aircraft. Two of the pallets, deemed planner's pallets, feature 6 opposing desk stations on each pallet, for a total of 12 user stations in each system. Each desk station includes network, communications (comms), and power interfaces for each user to be able to conduct battle command while en route.

The third pallet, the comms pallet, is where all of the necessary comms and power equipment is secured. Custom racks, with 8 server rack bays, are mounted to the pallet, with 2 desk stations for equipment operators, responsible for keeping the comms equipment running as necessary during the mission.

The initial system, designed and fabricated at the US Army Research Laboratory (ARL), has served thousands of hours on hundreds of missions. After a long period of service, the customer wanted to update to newer equipment and eliminate unnecessary features, evident after the extensive field experience.

2. Mechanical Requirements

Three main mechanical subsystems were redesigned in the Next Generation JC2S (NG-JC2S) COMMS System: the uninterrupted power supply (UPS) and frequency converter, the DC power supplies, and the flat panel displays.

The UPS and frequency converter act as a battery backup and power conditioning for the network equipment. The frequency converter converts 115/200 V AC, 400-Hz, 3-phase aircraft power to 120 V AC, 60-Hz, single-phase power so that it can be used by conventional rack equipment. Equipment in the original system was larger and heavier than the new equipment selected for the NG-JC2S. Battery backup was required by the customer for specific network equipment in the event of a power interruption. The UPS and frequency converter were required to be mounted so that they could be easily removed by the user in the case of equipment failure.

The DC power supply sub system supplies 24 V DC power to the necessary equipment. The wiring for these power supplies needed to be shielded to protect the user, but also easily accessible for maintenance purposes. The equipment also needed to be easily removable in the event of equipment failure. Surplus rack space available in the NG-JC2S system allowed for a new power supply mounting

approach, making the equipment more easily serviceable and lowering the center of gravity of the system.

The flat panel displays, positioned off of the end of the comms pallet facing the Planner's pallets, were upgraded in the NG-JC2S COMMS System from four 23 inch flat panel displays to two 26 inch flat panel displays and one 32 inch flat panel display. The displays needed to be mounted with an overall height no greater than 108 inches and inside the outer envelope of the pallet.

3. Drawing Package

The following drawing package (Table 1) was used for the fabrication of parts for the NG-JC2S COMMS System. The package was also consulted by ARL technicians for system assembly. The individual drawings are provided in the Appendix.

Table 1 NG-JC2S COMMS System drawing package

SK549241 Falcon UPS Frequency Converter Bottom Mount	
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-11002	UPS Bottom Mount, Rail Guide
-11003	UPS Bottom Mount, Crossmember
-11004	UPS Bottom Mount, Rear Block 2.1
-11005	UPS Bottom Mount, Rear Block 2.2
-11006	UPS Bottom Mount, Retainer Shim
-11007	Battery Hawker Bracket, Right
-11008	Battery Hawker Bracket, Left
-11009	Battery Hawker Bracket, Rear
SK549243 DC P/S Mount	
Dash No.	Drawing Title
-1001	D/C PS Mount - Tray
-11002	D/C PS Mount - Crossmember
-11003	D/C PS Mount - Power Supply Plate
-11004	D/C PS Mount - Power Supply Plate Retainer
-11005	D/C PS Mount - Top Brace
-11006	D/C PS Mount - Finger Guard

Table 1 NG-JC2S COMMS System drawing package (continued)

SK549265 Installation, Flat Panel Display

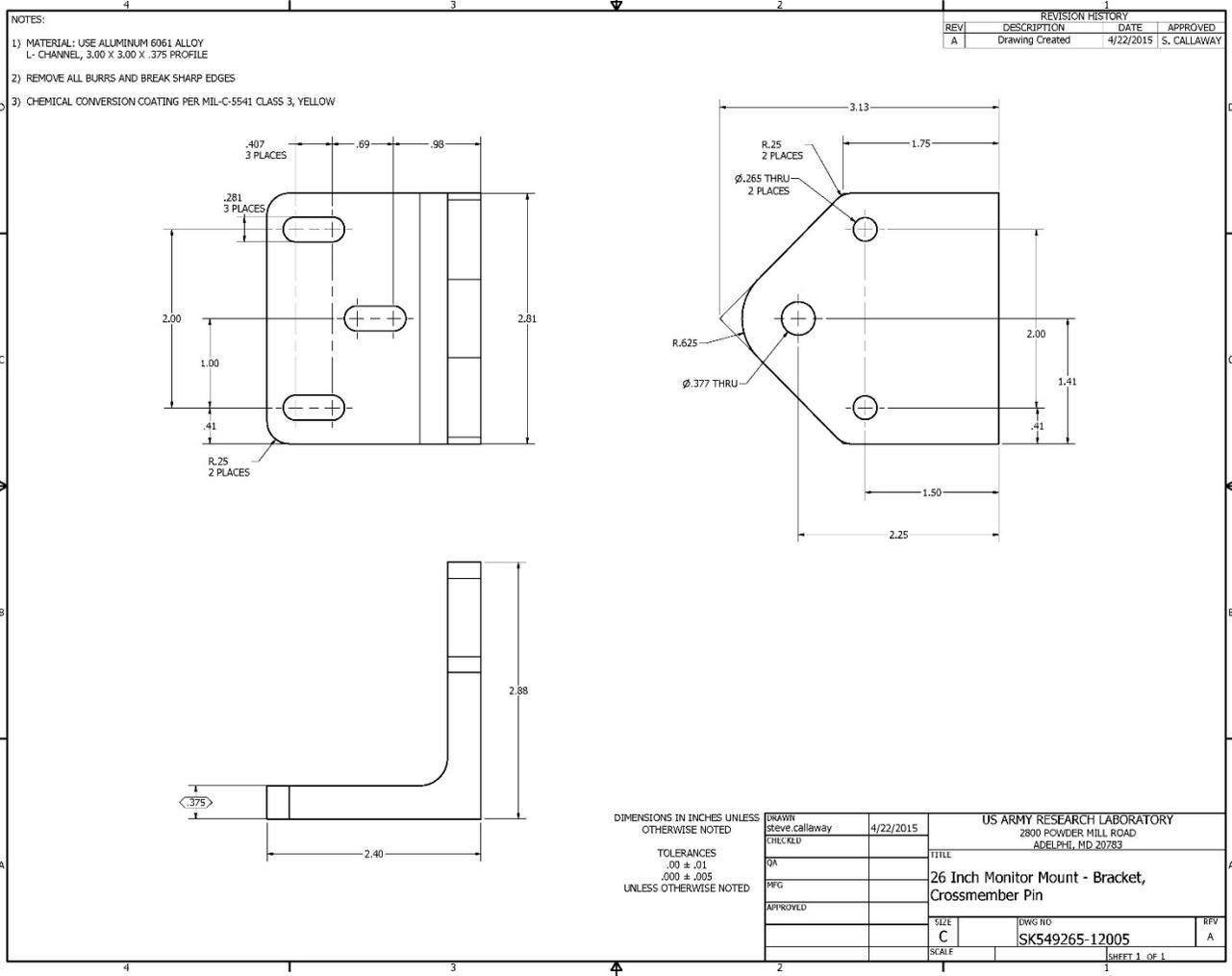
Dash No.	Drawing Title
-11001	Monitor Mount - Rack U Channel Crossmember
-11002	Monitor Mount - Strut, Tab End
-11003	Monitor Mount - Strut, Clevis End
-11004	Monitor Mount - Strut, Eye Bolt
-12001	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Crossmember, Screen Display Mounting
-12002	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Frame, Left
-12003	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Frame, Right
-12004	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Lower Crossmember
-12005	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Bracket, Crossmember Pin
-12006	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Lower Vertical Support
-12007	26 Inch Monitor Mount - Strut, Tube
-13001	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Crossmember, Screen Display Mounting
-13002	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Frame, Left
-13003	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Frame, Right
-13004	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Lower Crossmember
-13005	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Bracket, Crossmember Pin
-13006	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Lower Vertical Support
-13007	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Strut, Tube
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-13010	32 Inch Monitor Mount - Top Crossmember Spacer

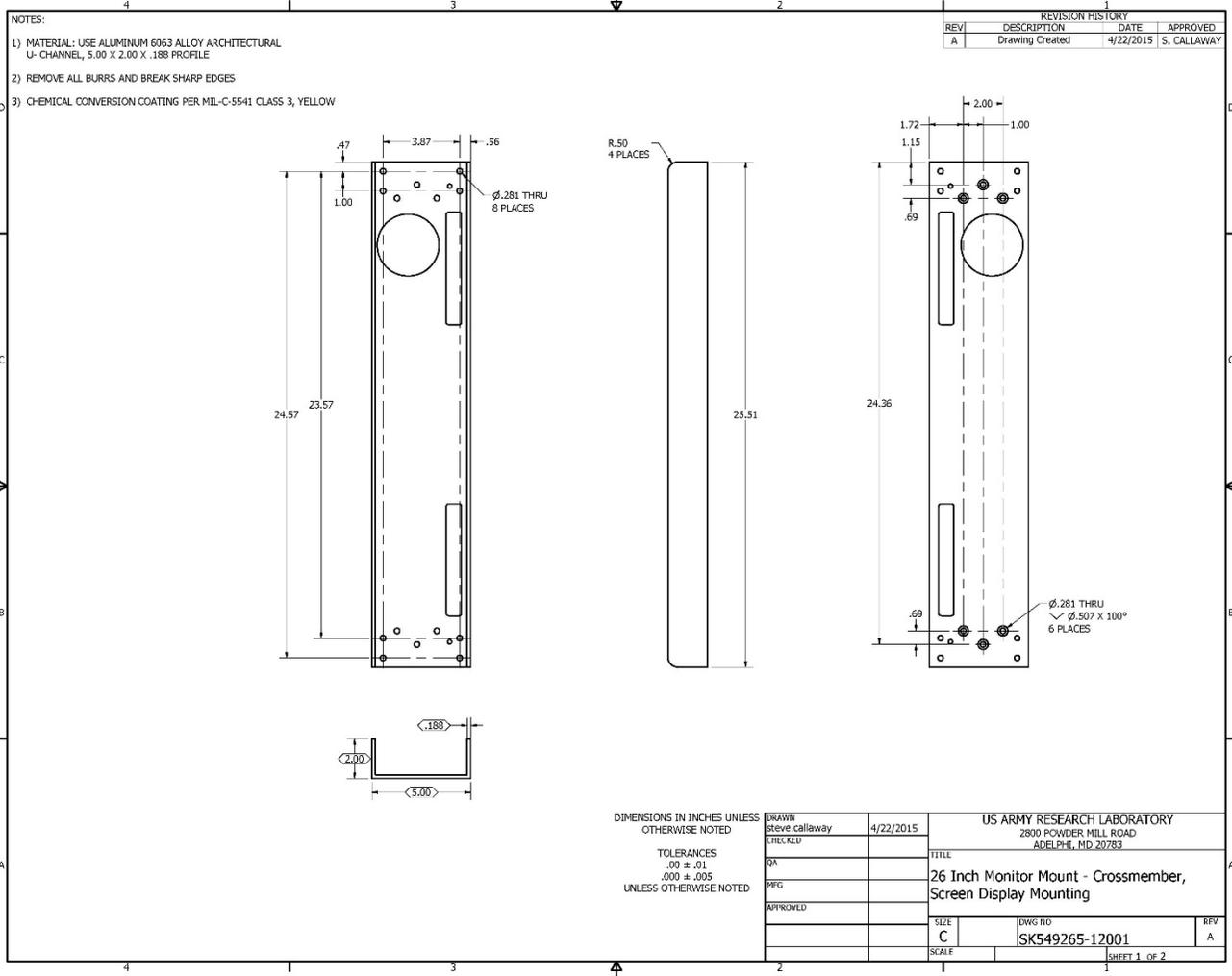
4. Conclusion

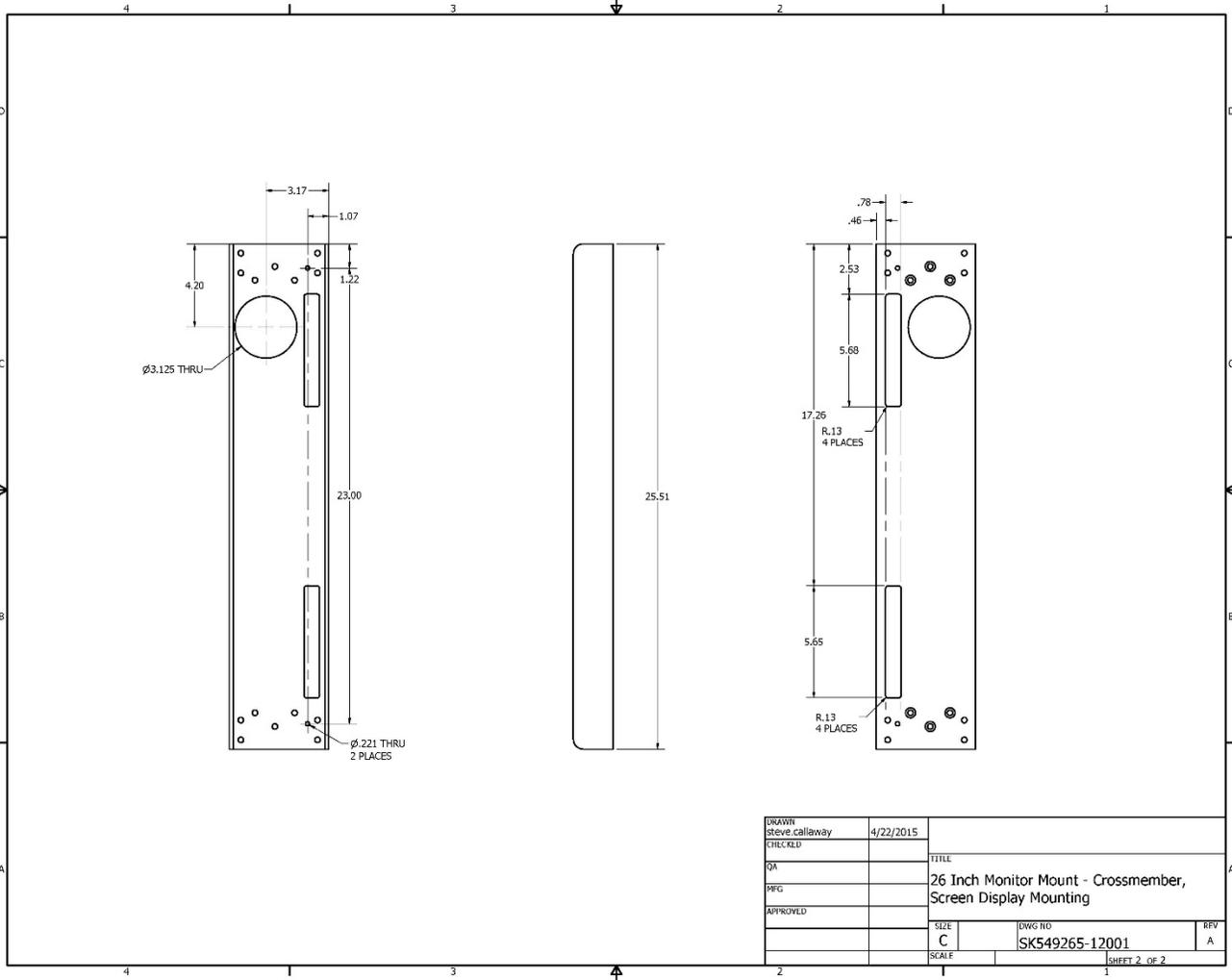
After extensive use, the JC2S pallet required updating. The NG-JC2S system was developed at ARL based on new requirements and specifications from the customer. Capabilities and equipment were either updated or eliminated based on the customers experience with the system. The UPS, frequency converter, DC power supply mount, and monitor mount were redesigned and updated. Initial system deployment is ongoing.

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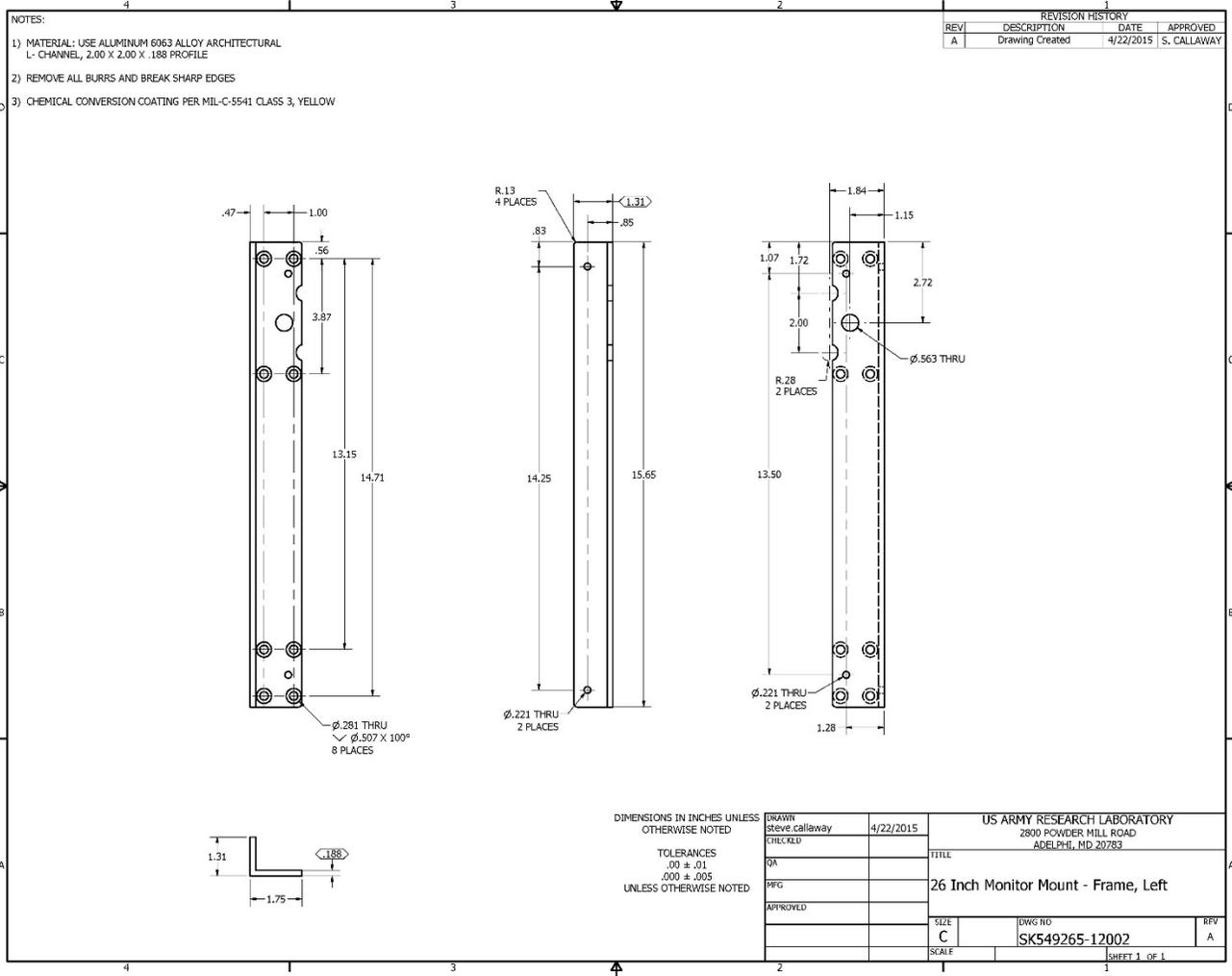
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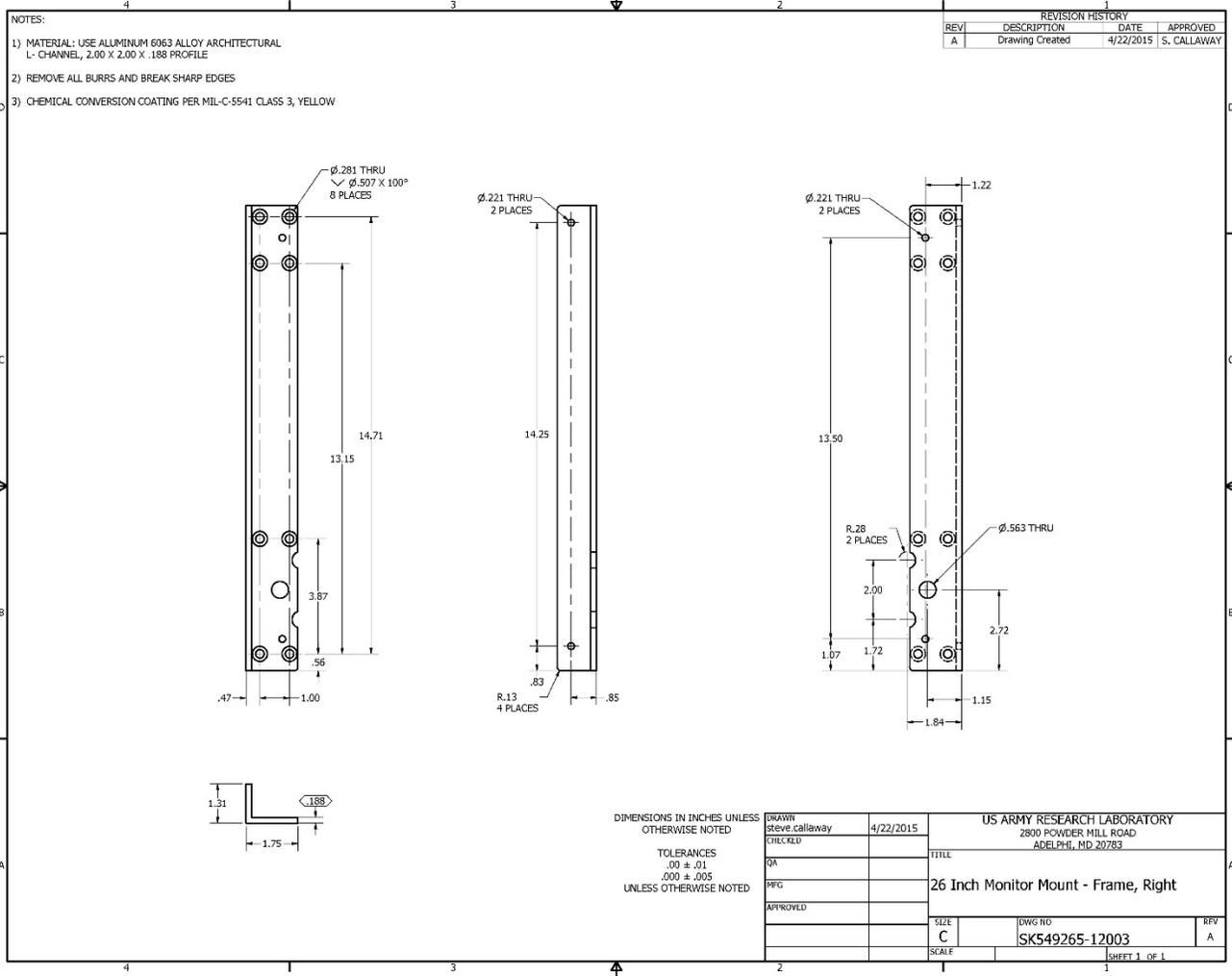


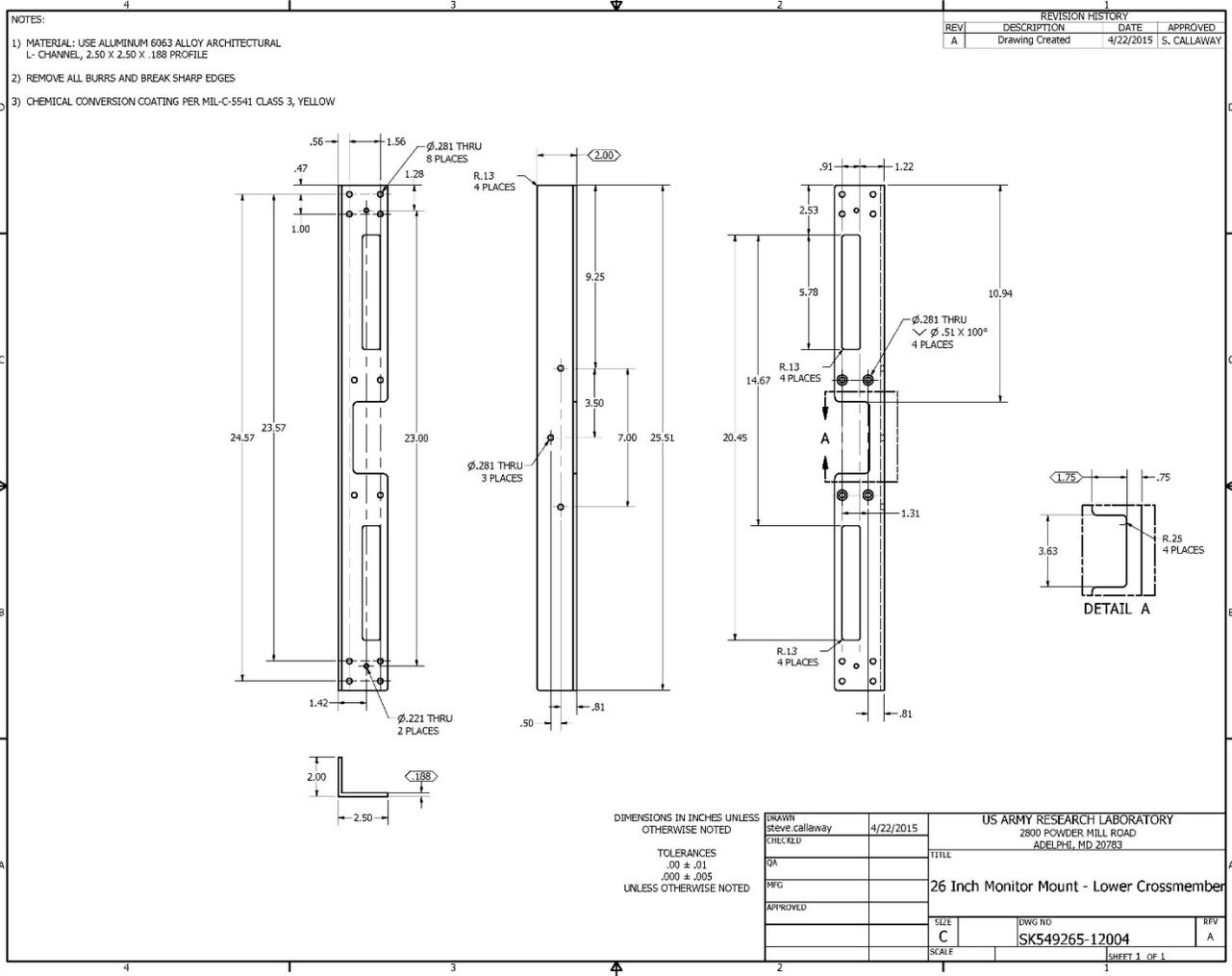


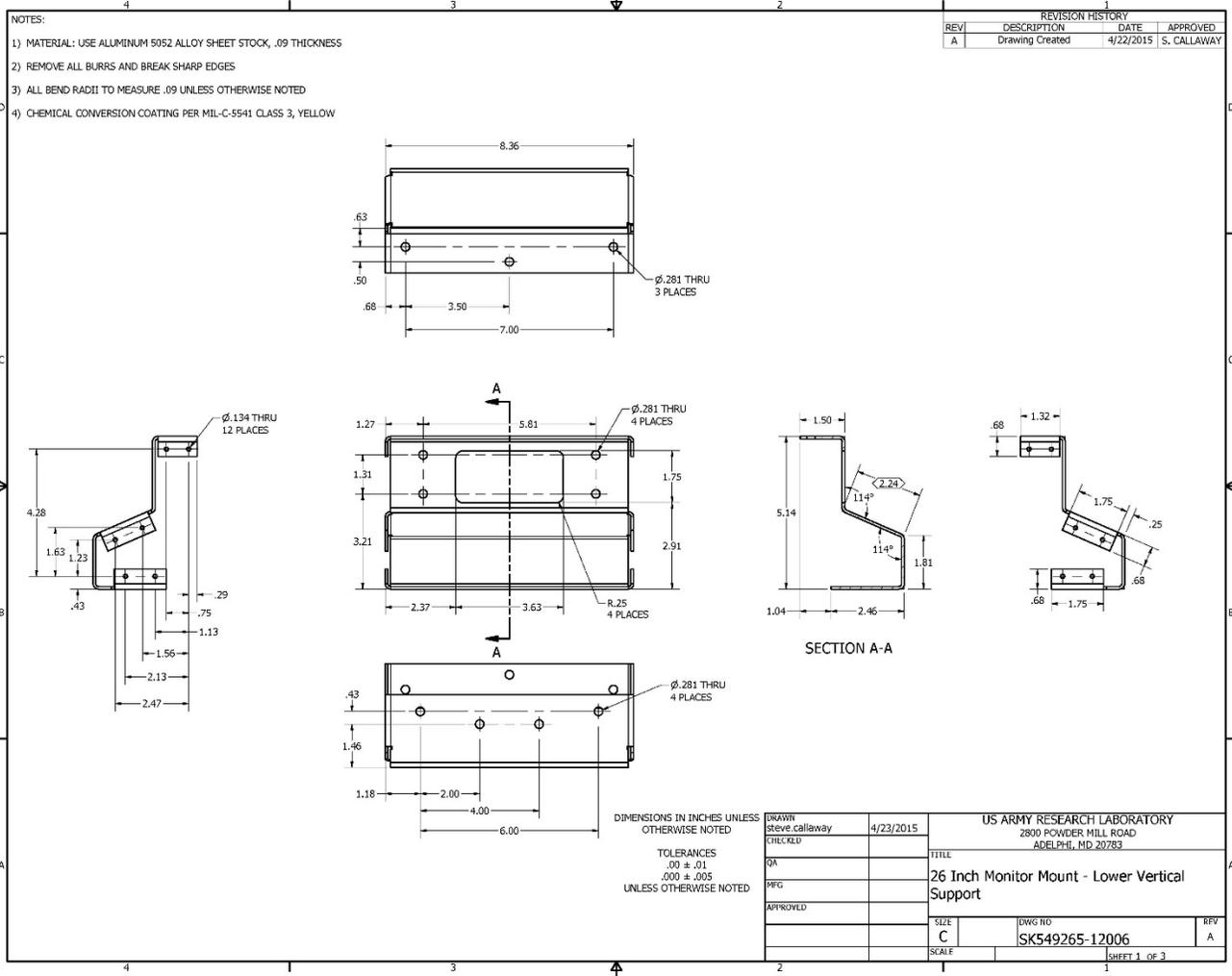


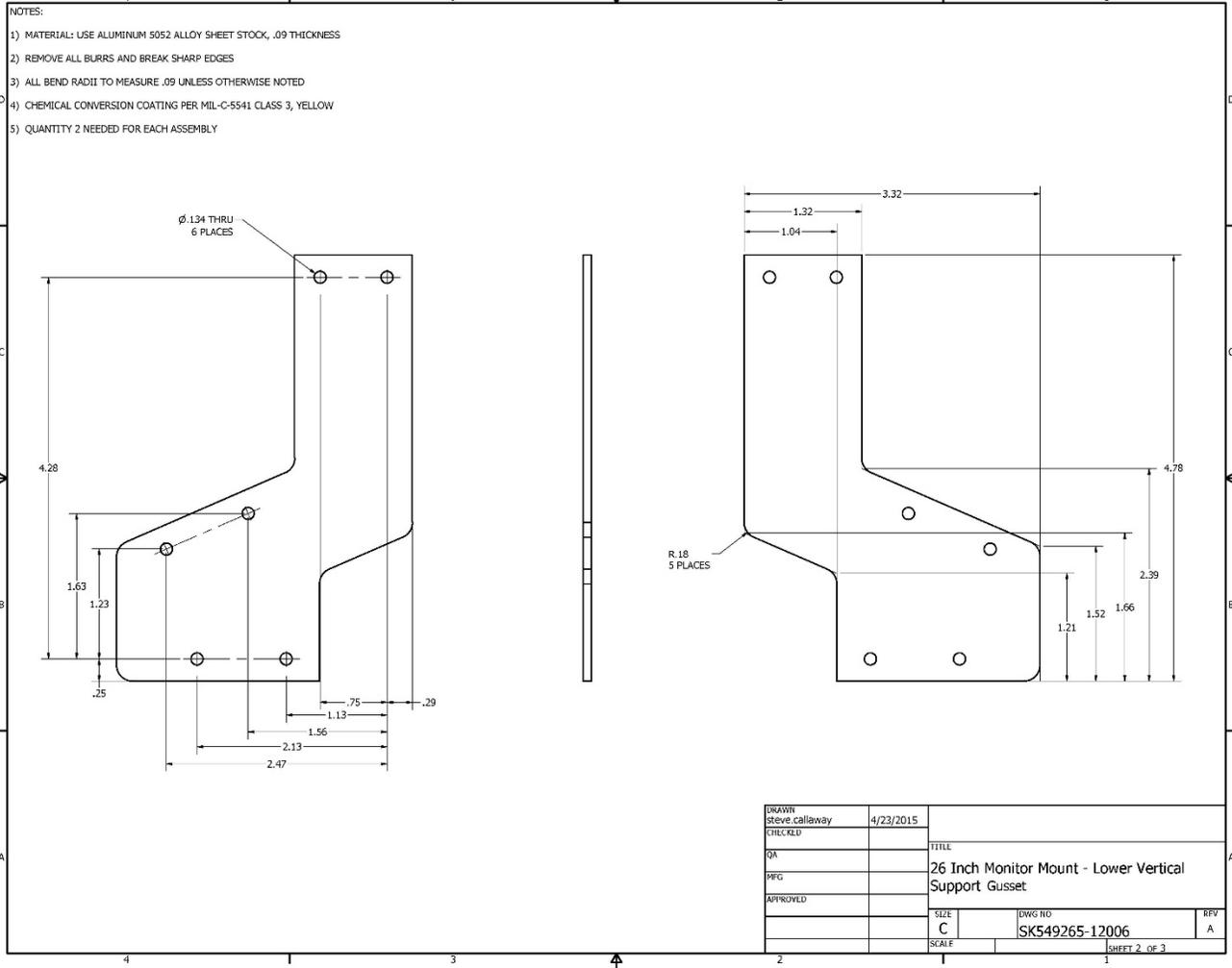
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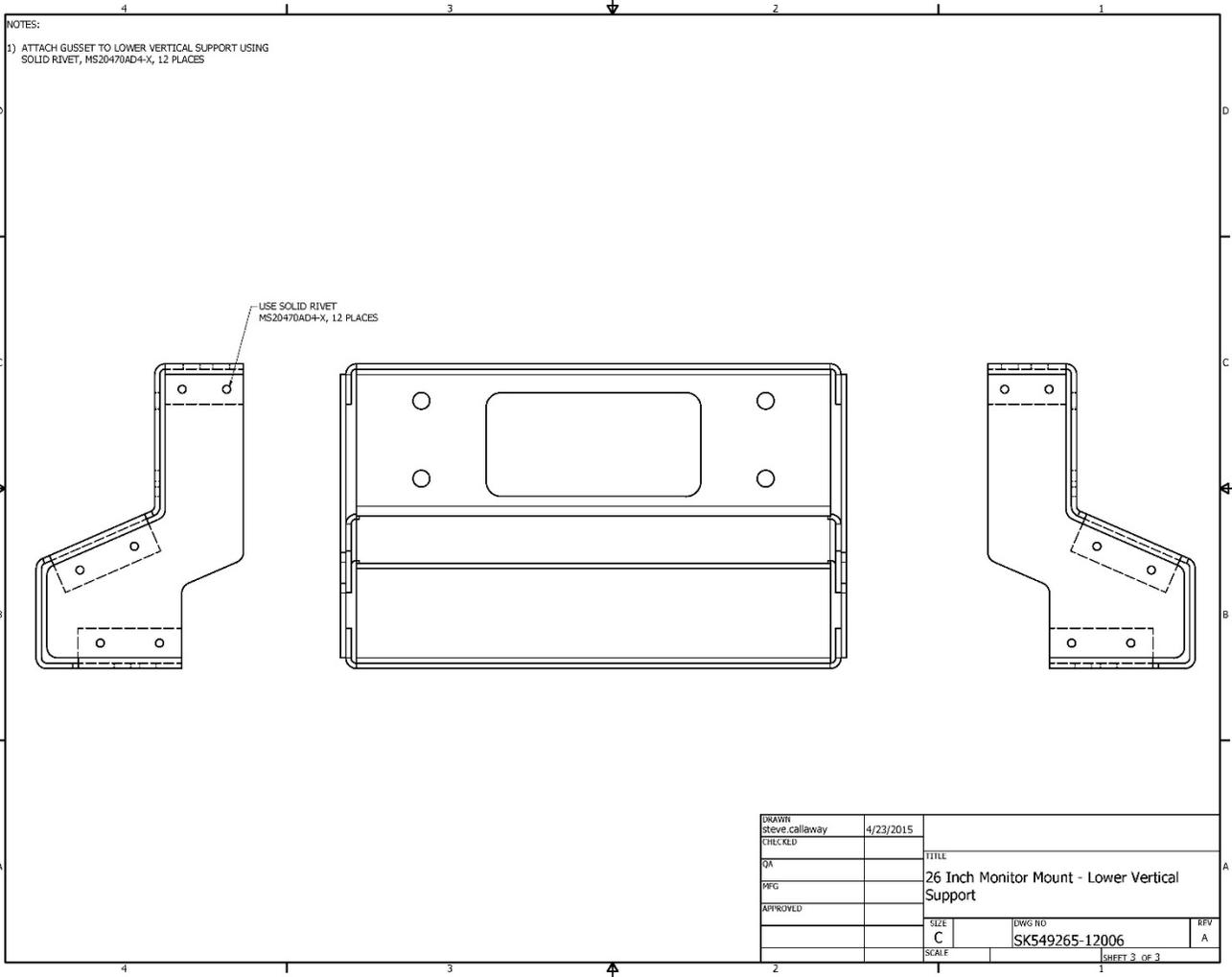




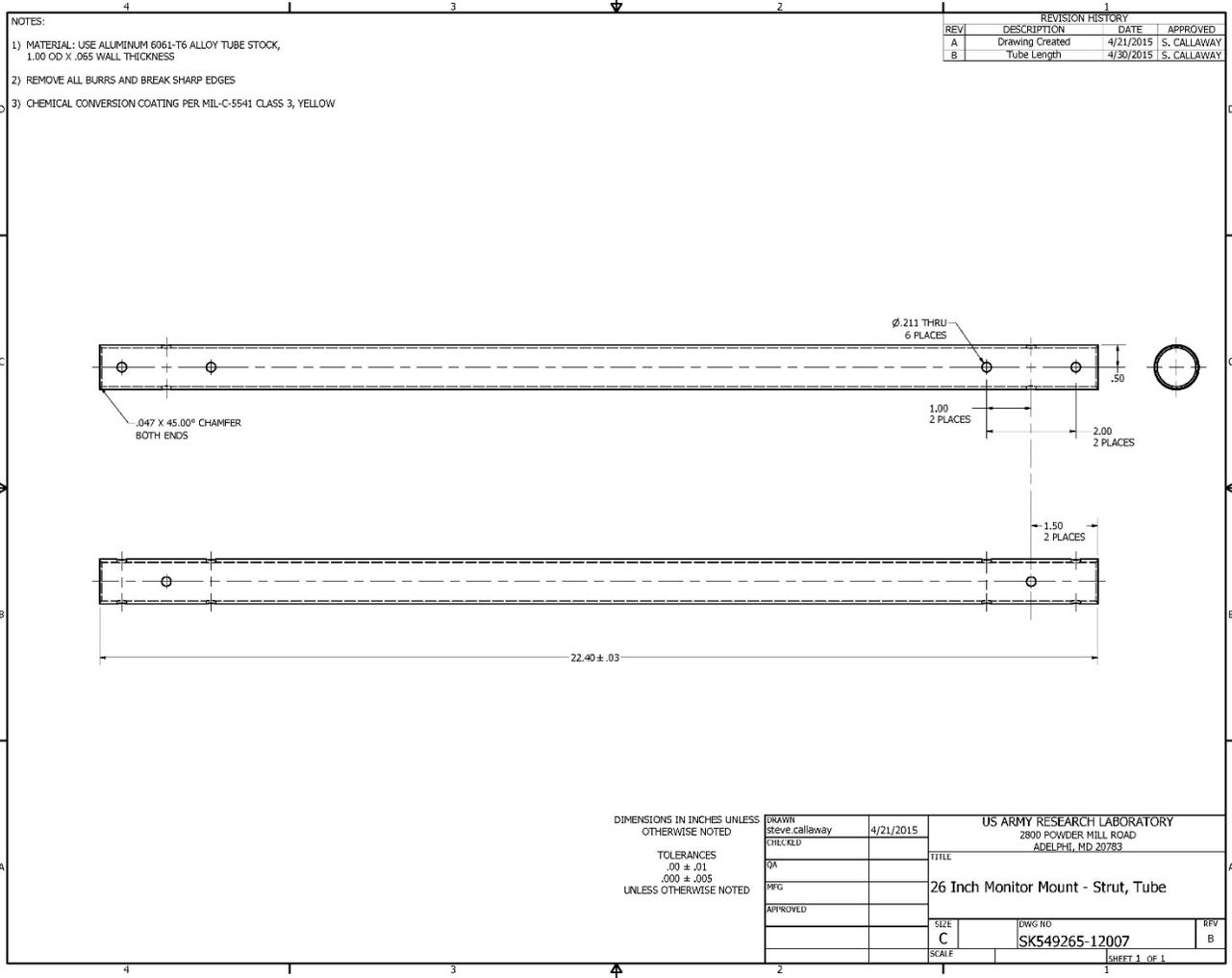








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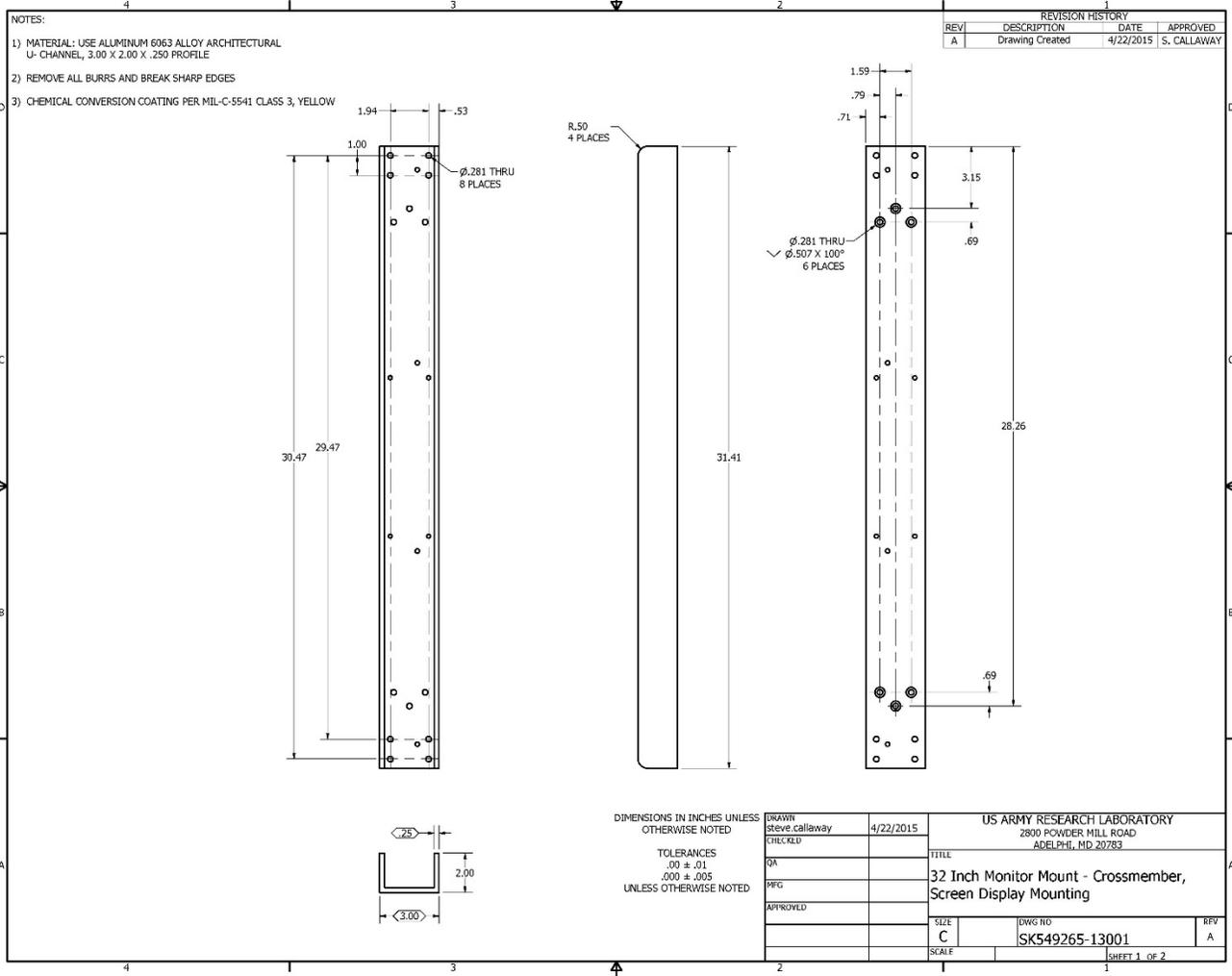


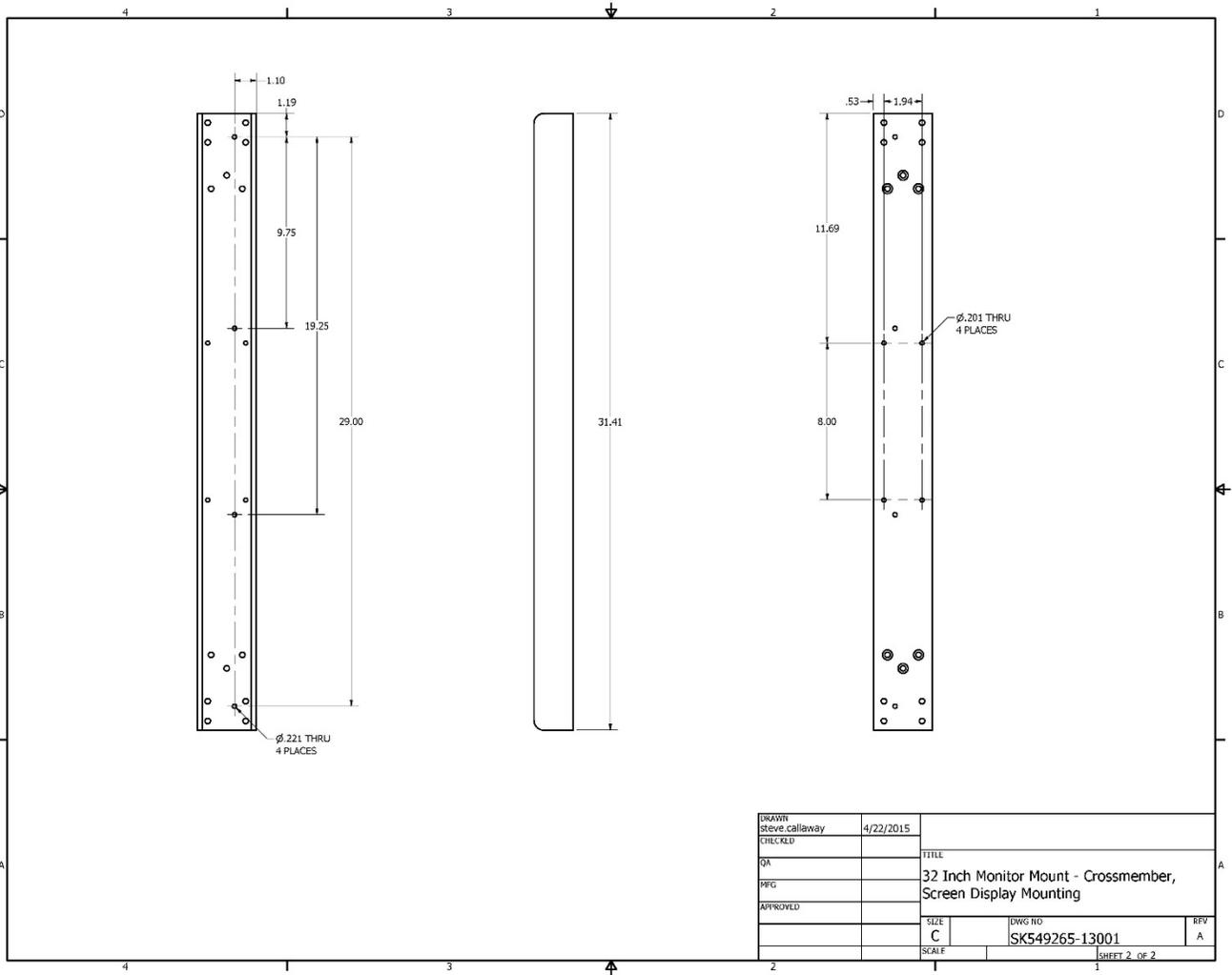
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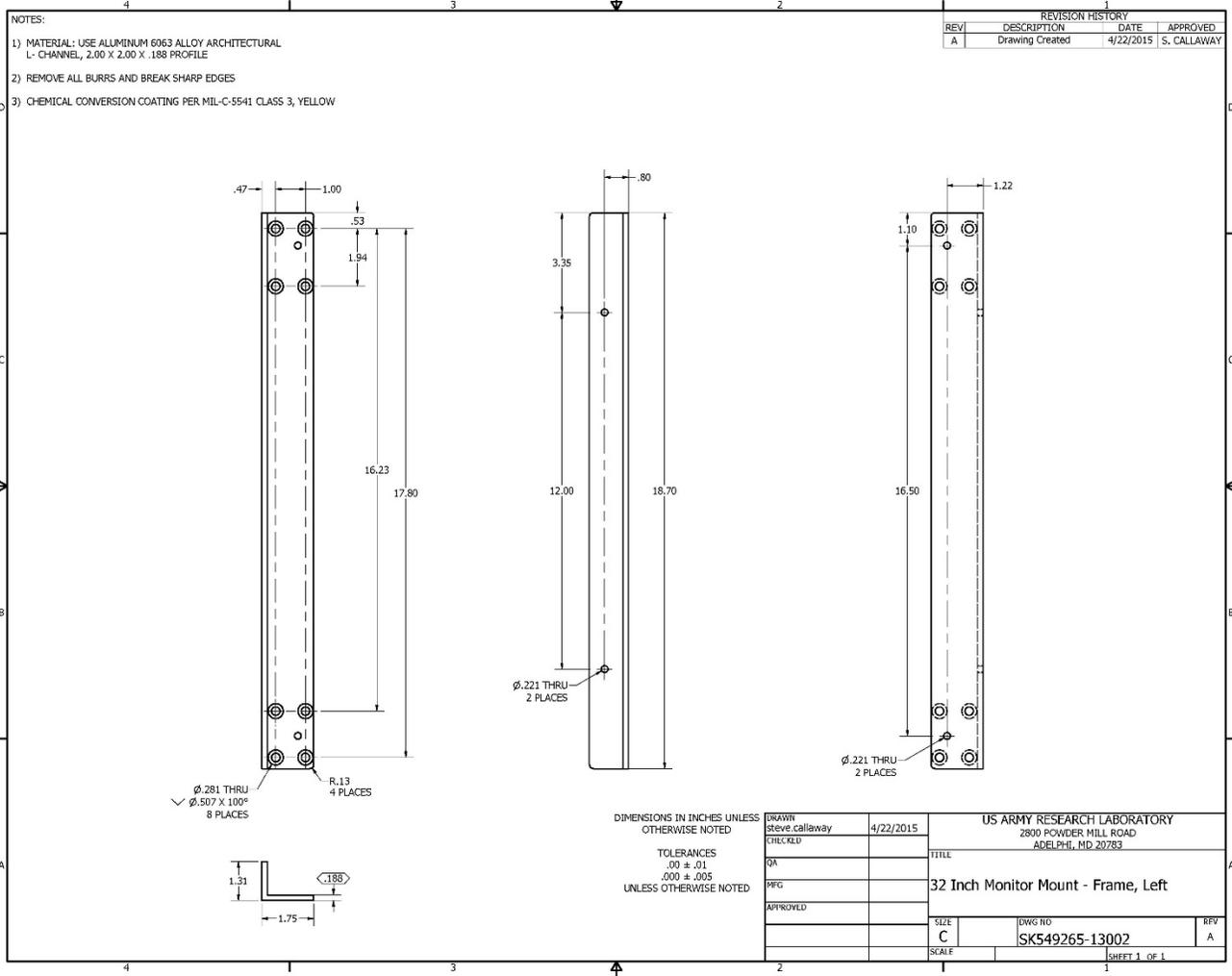
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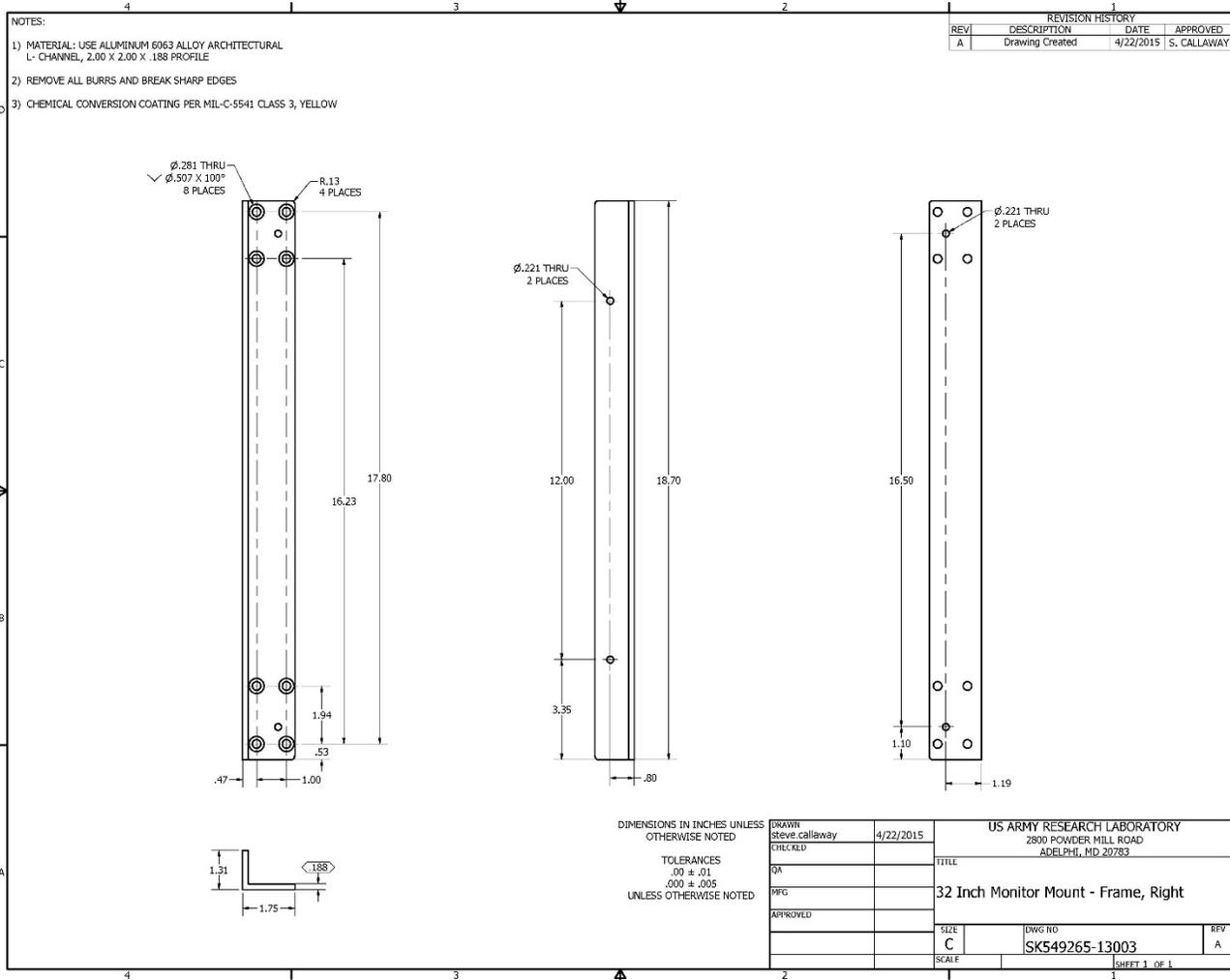
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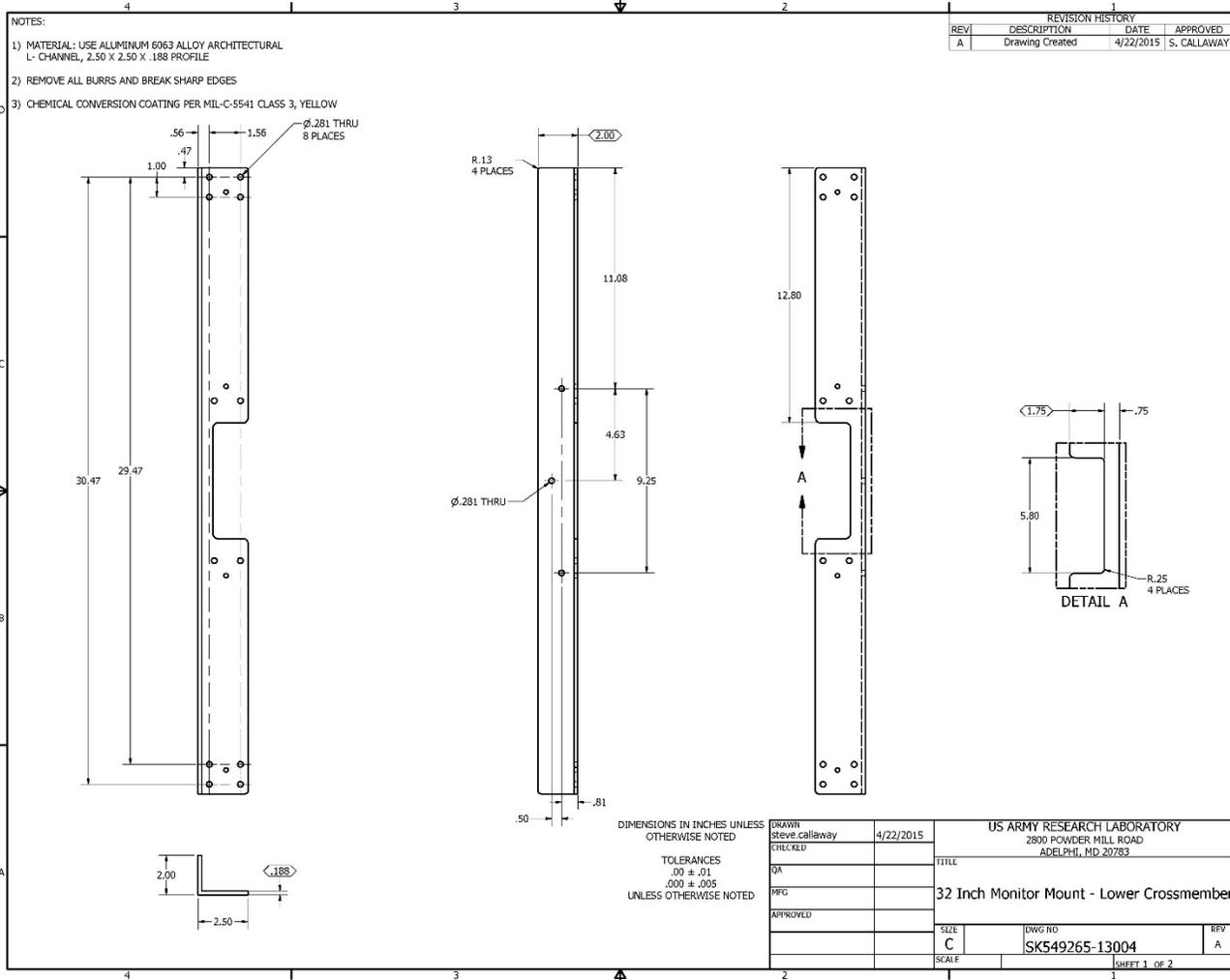


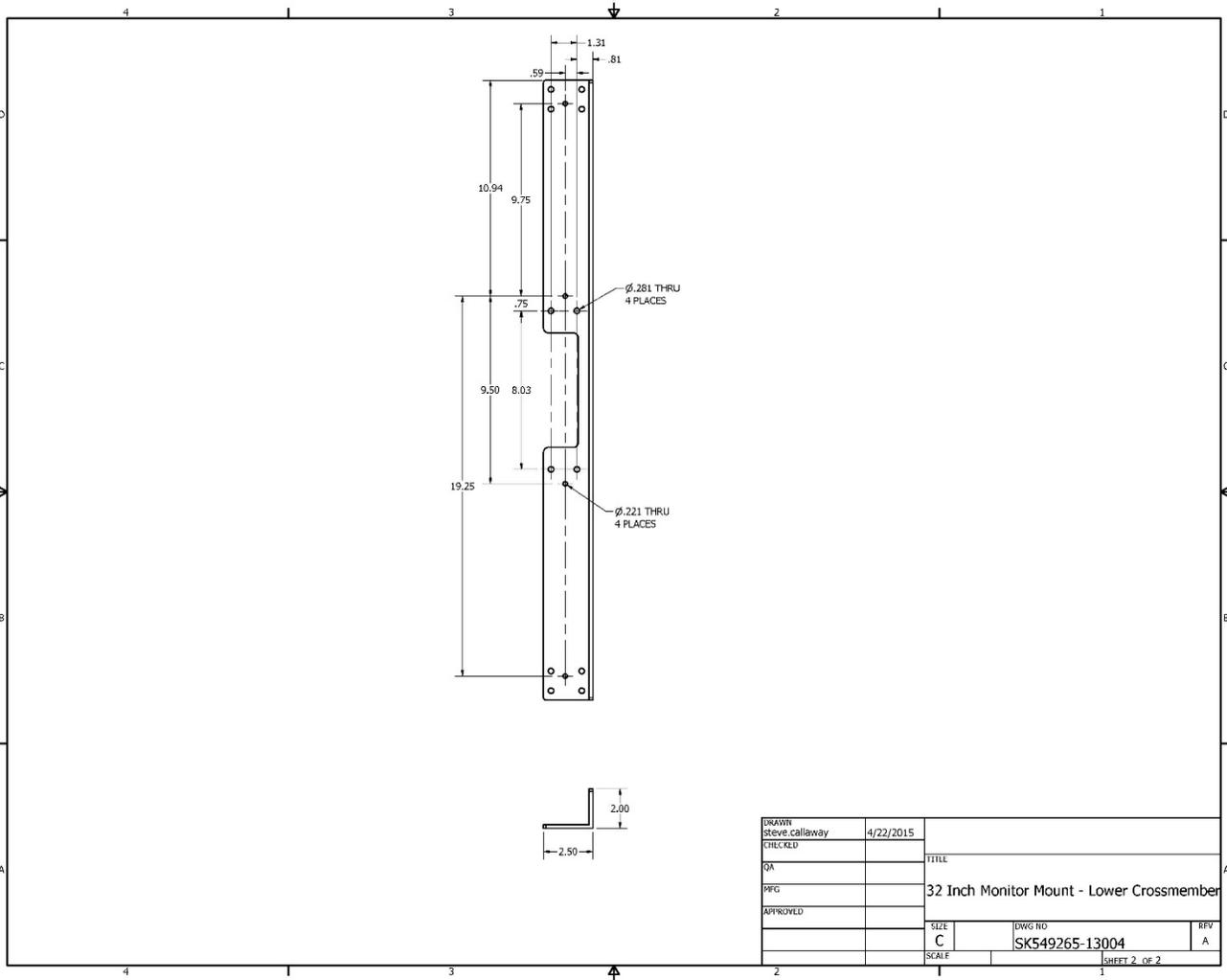


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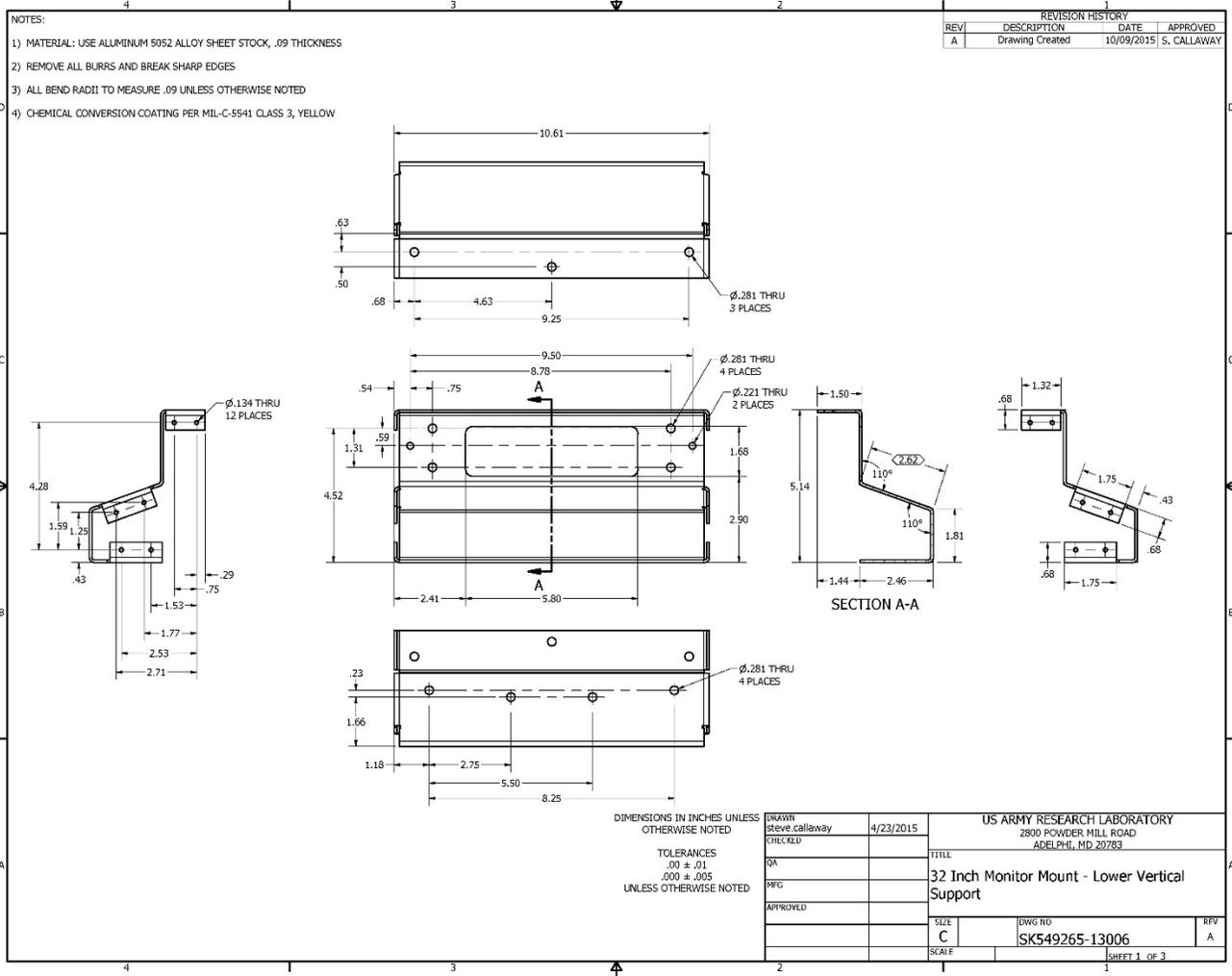


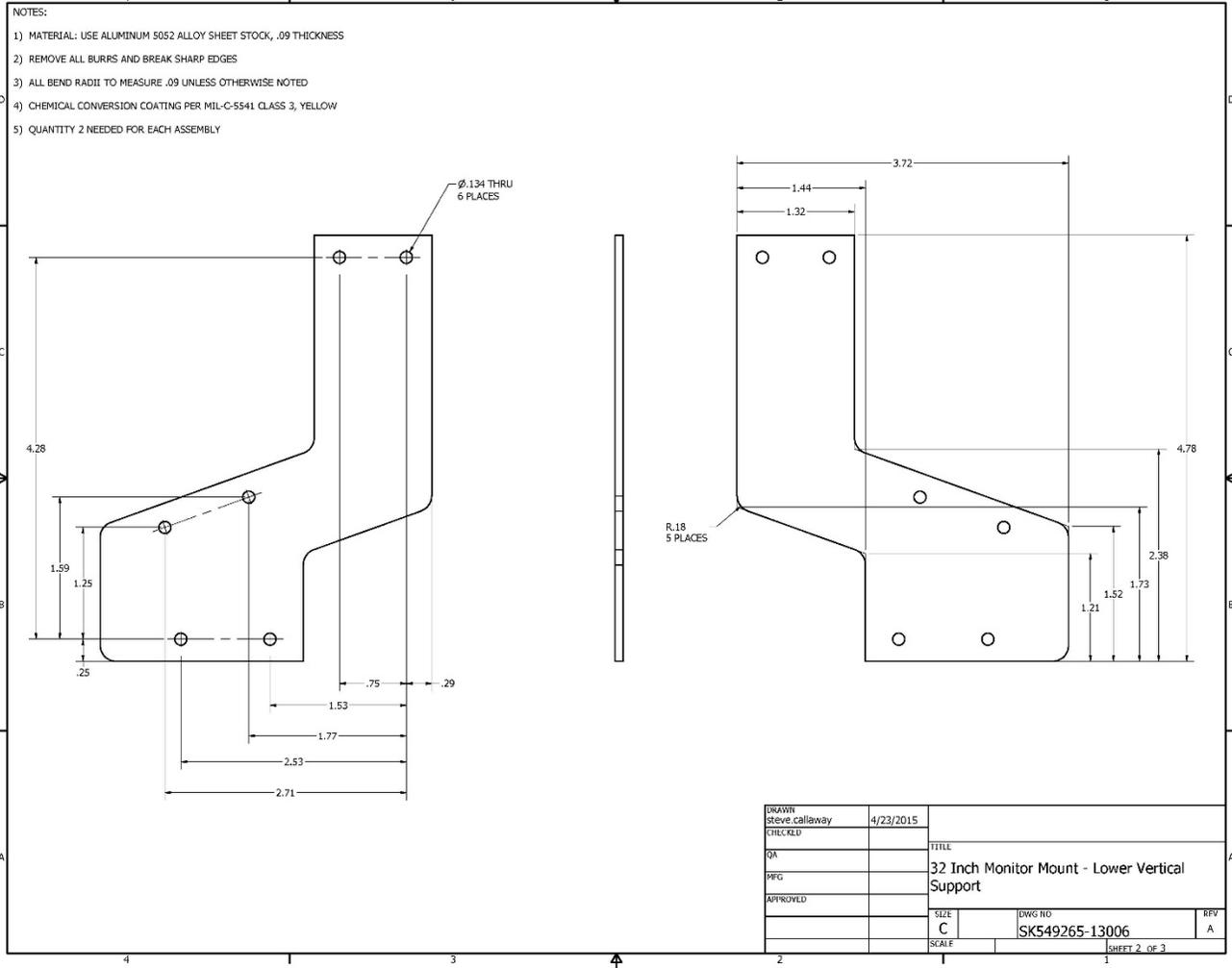






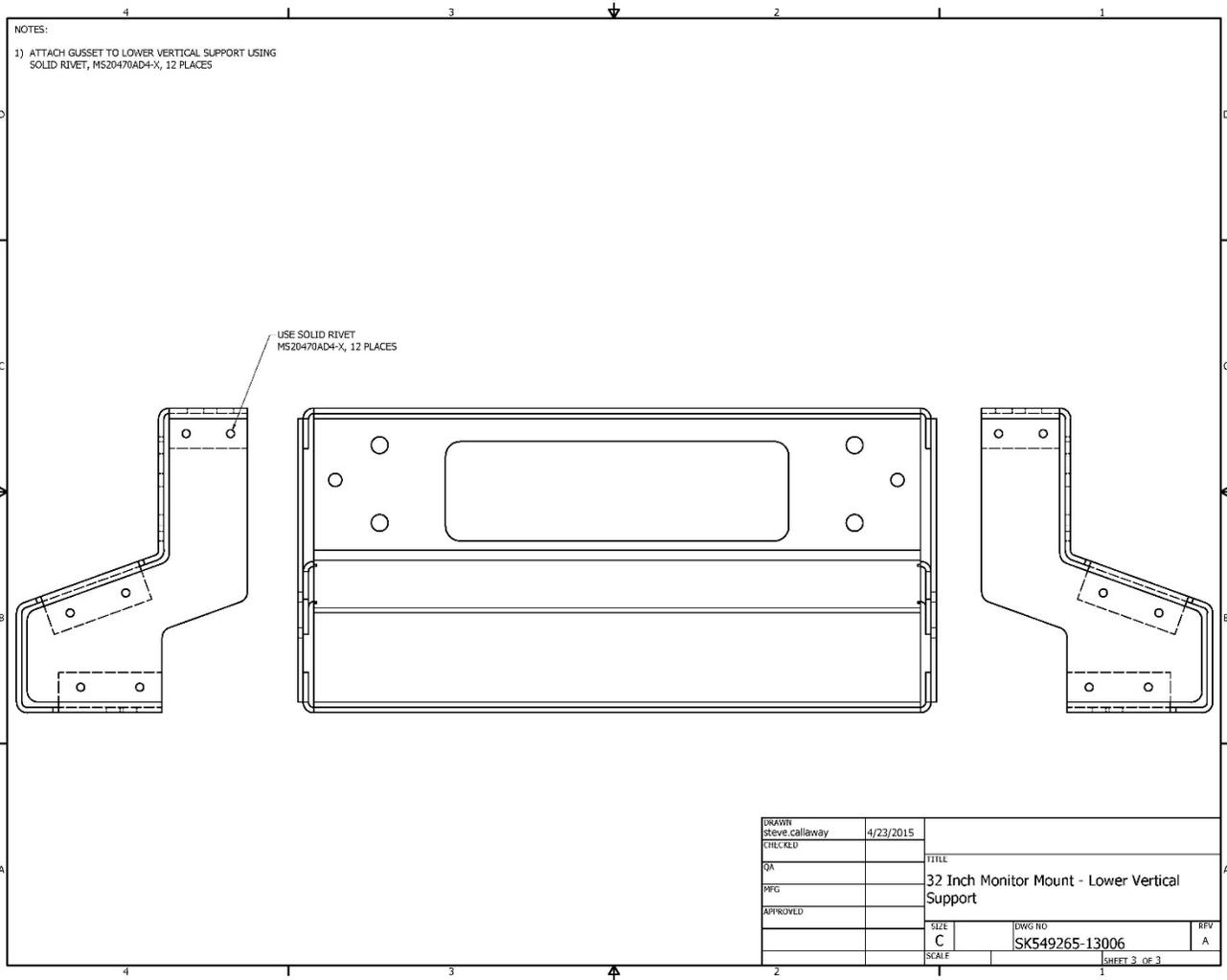
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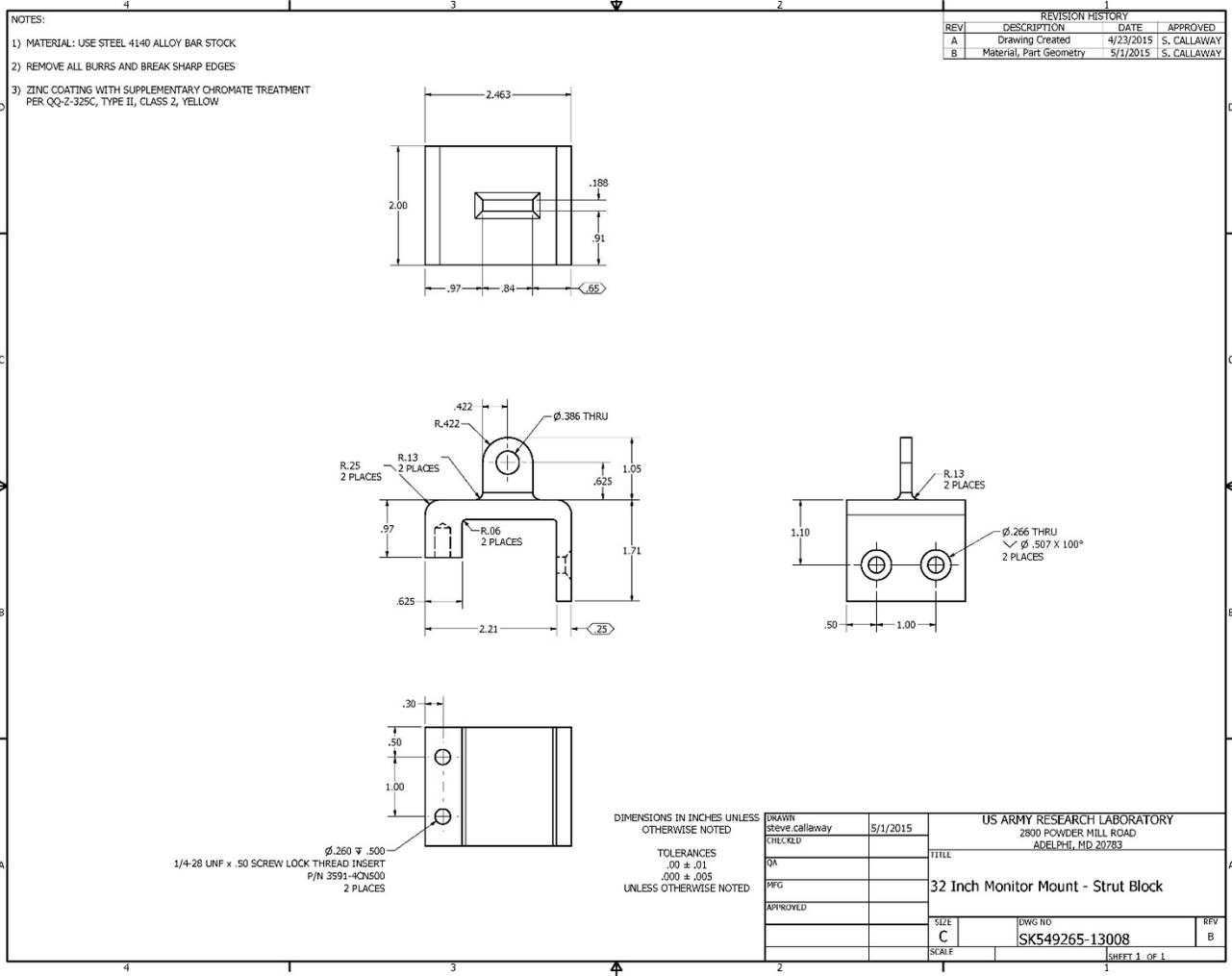


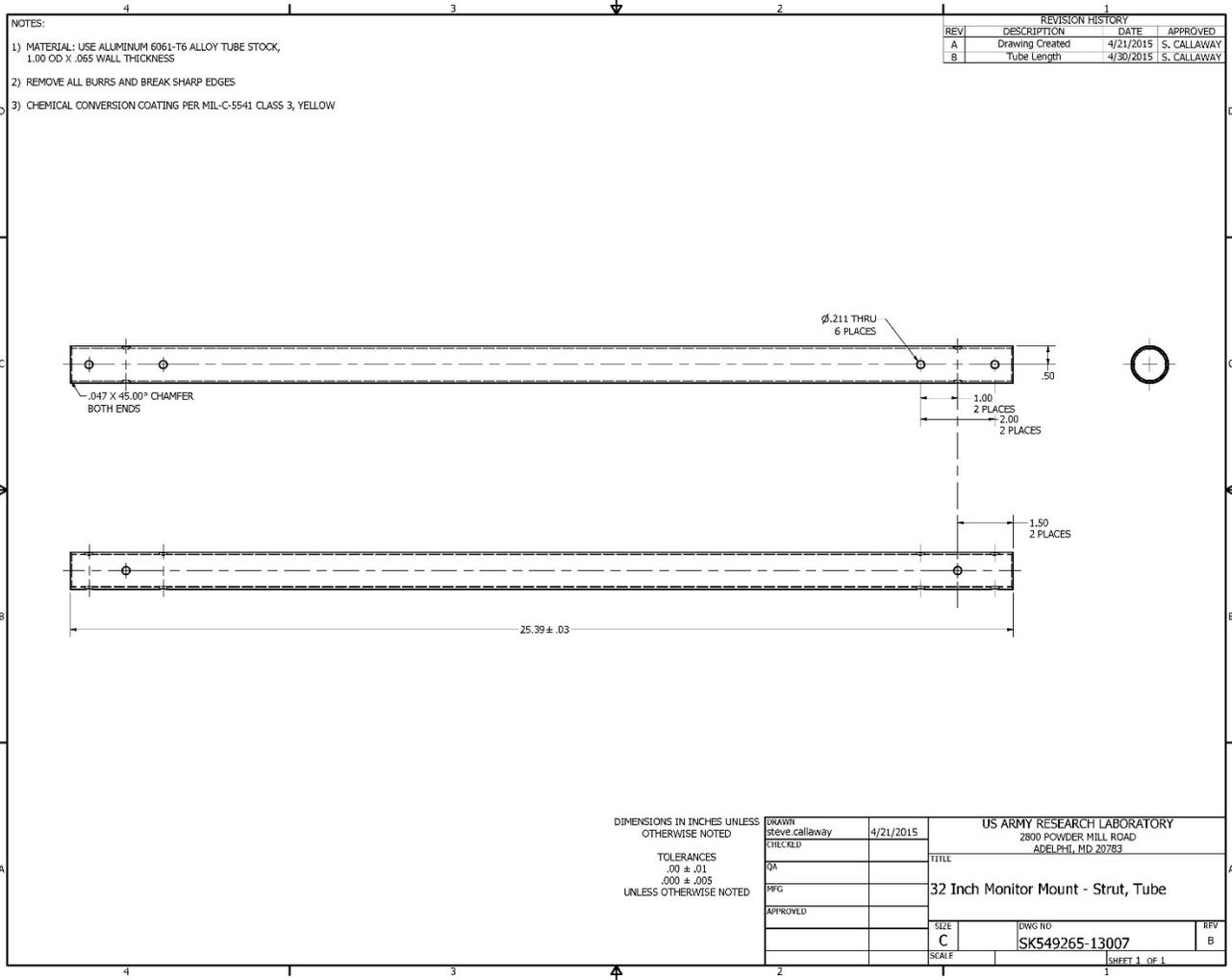
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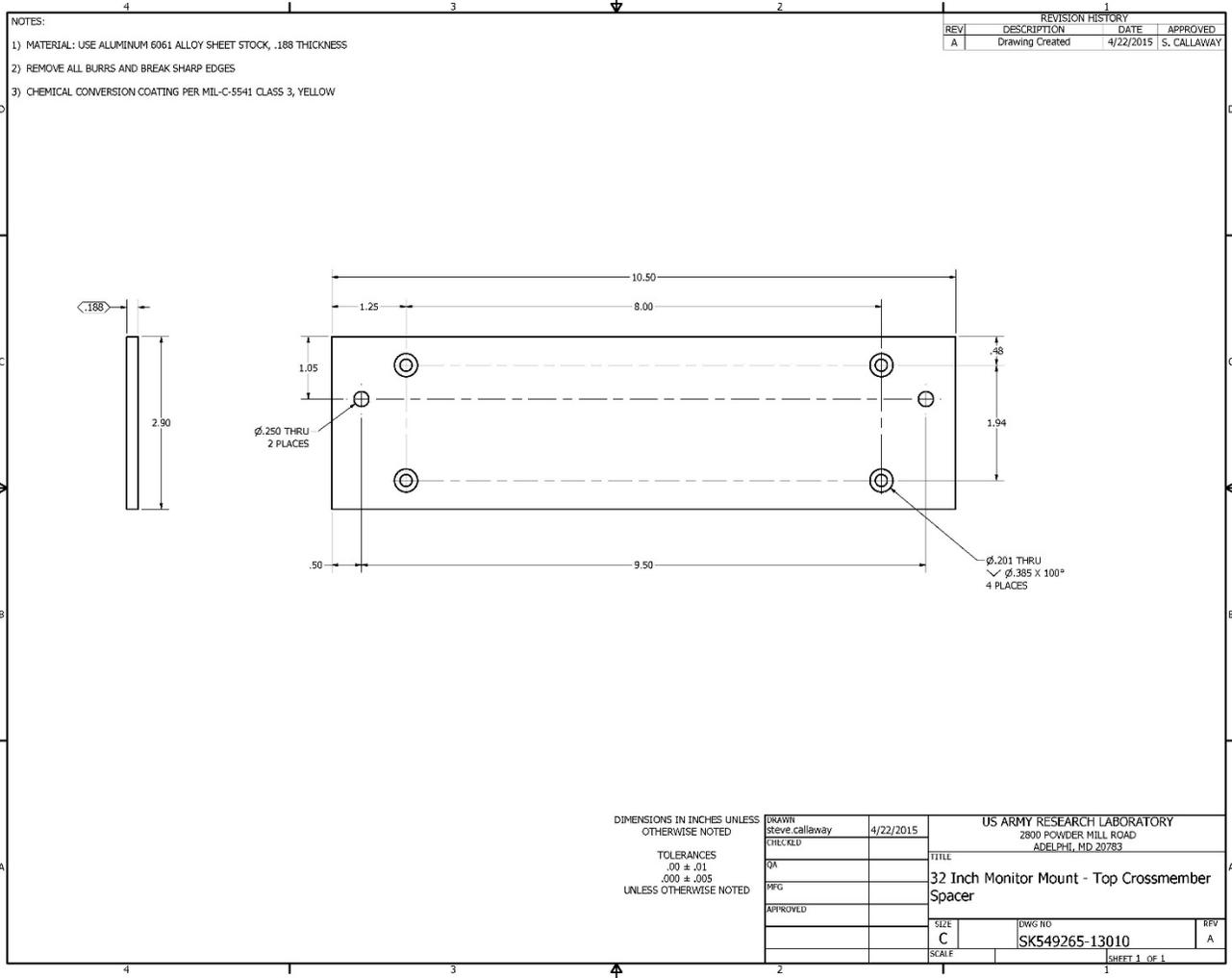
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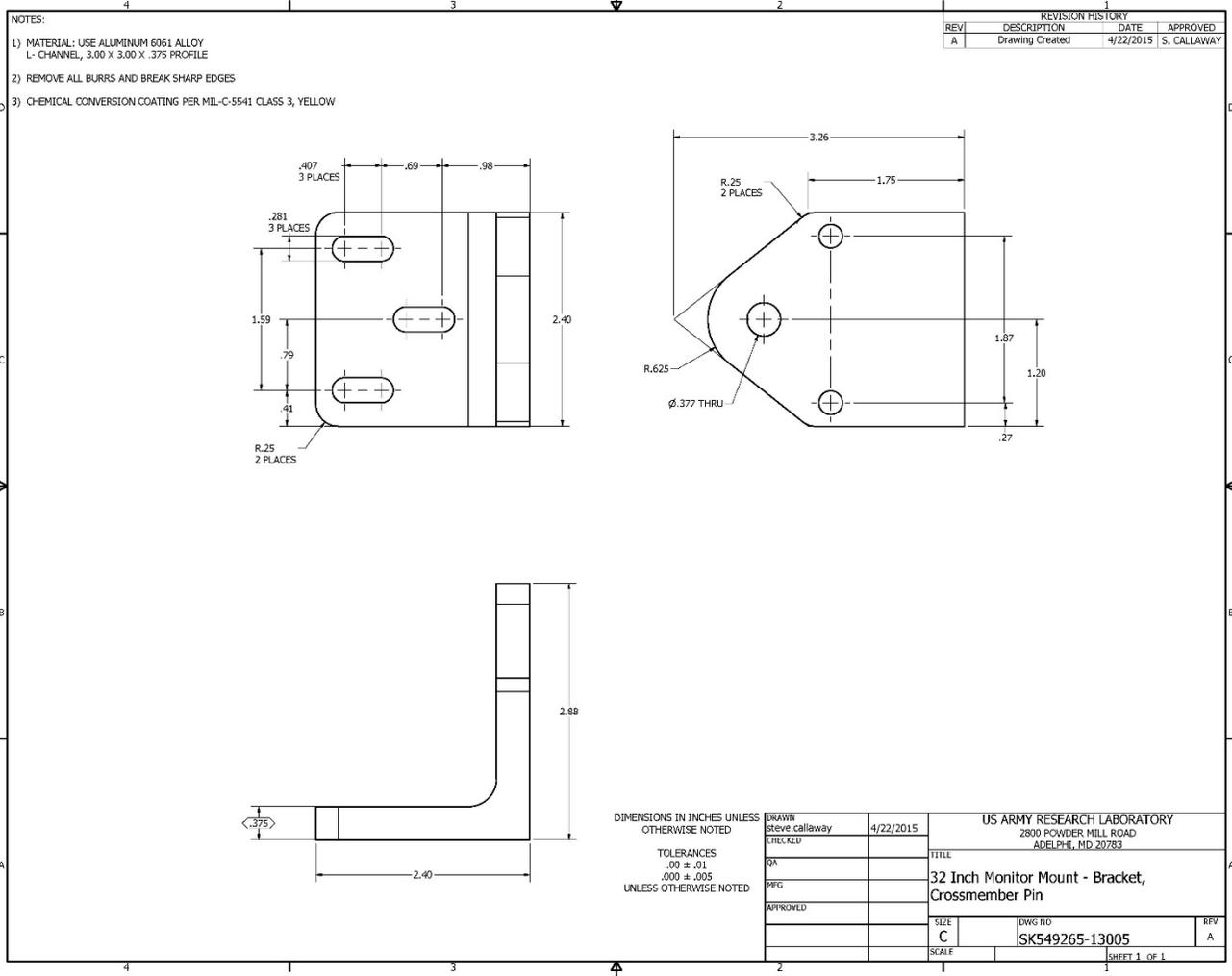
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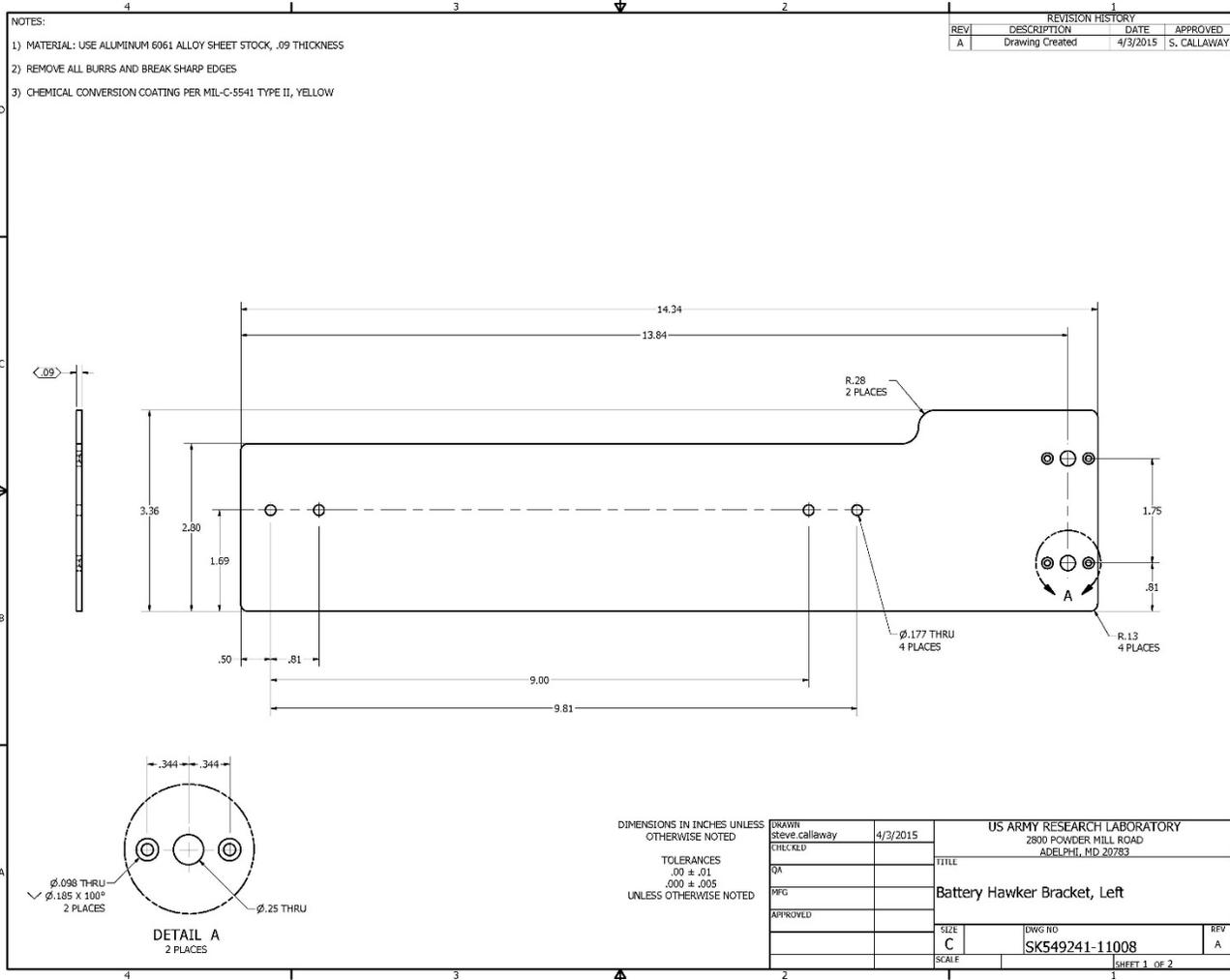
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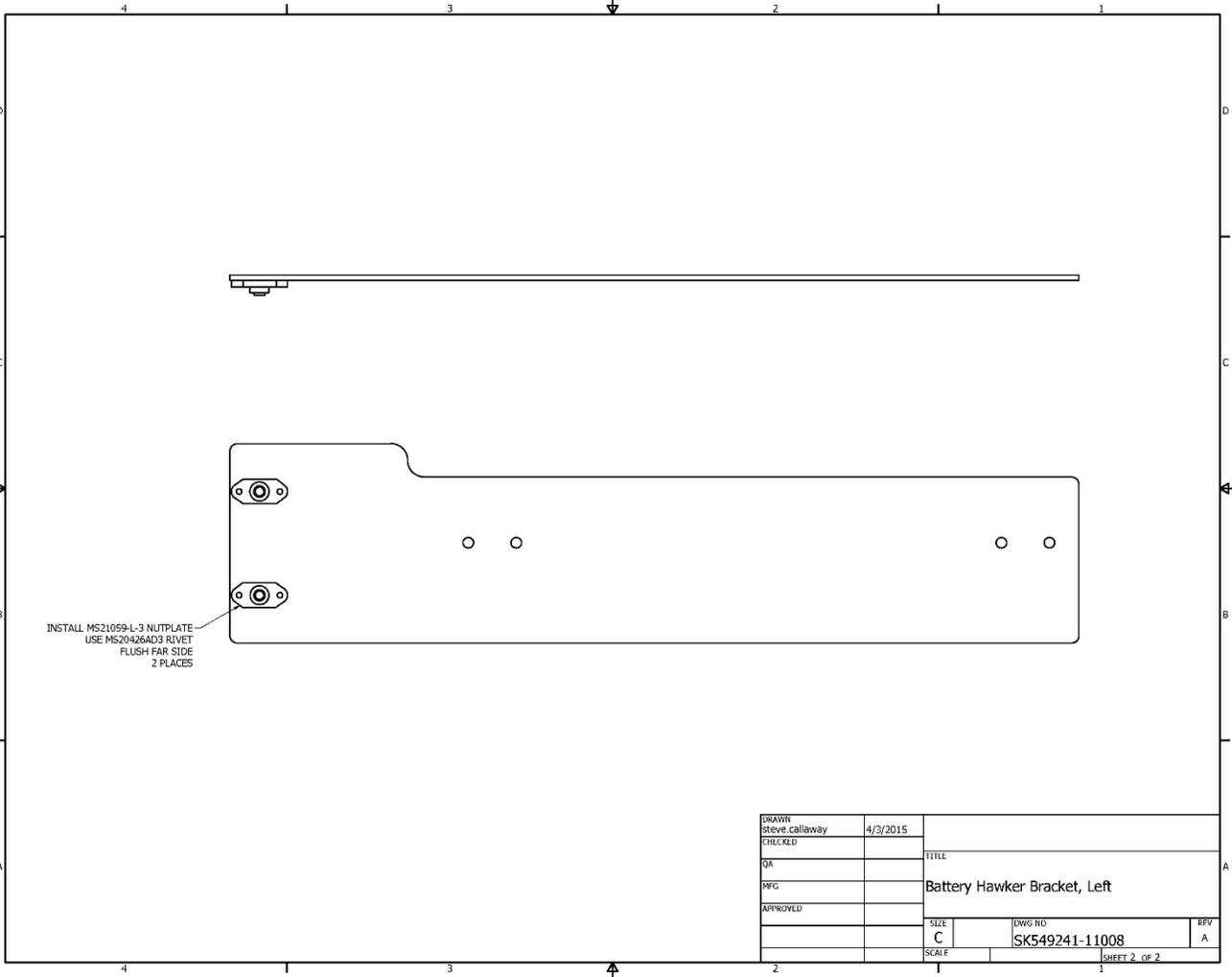
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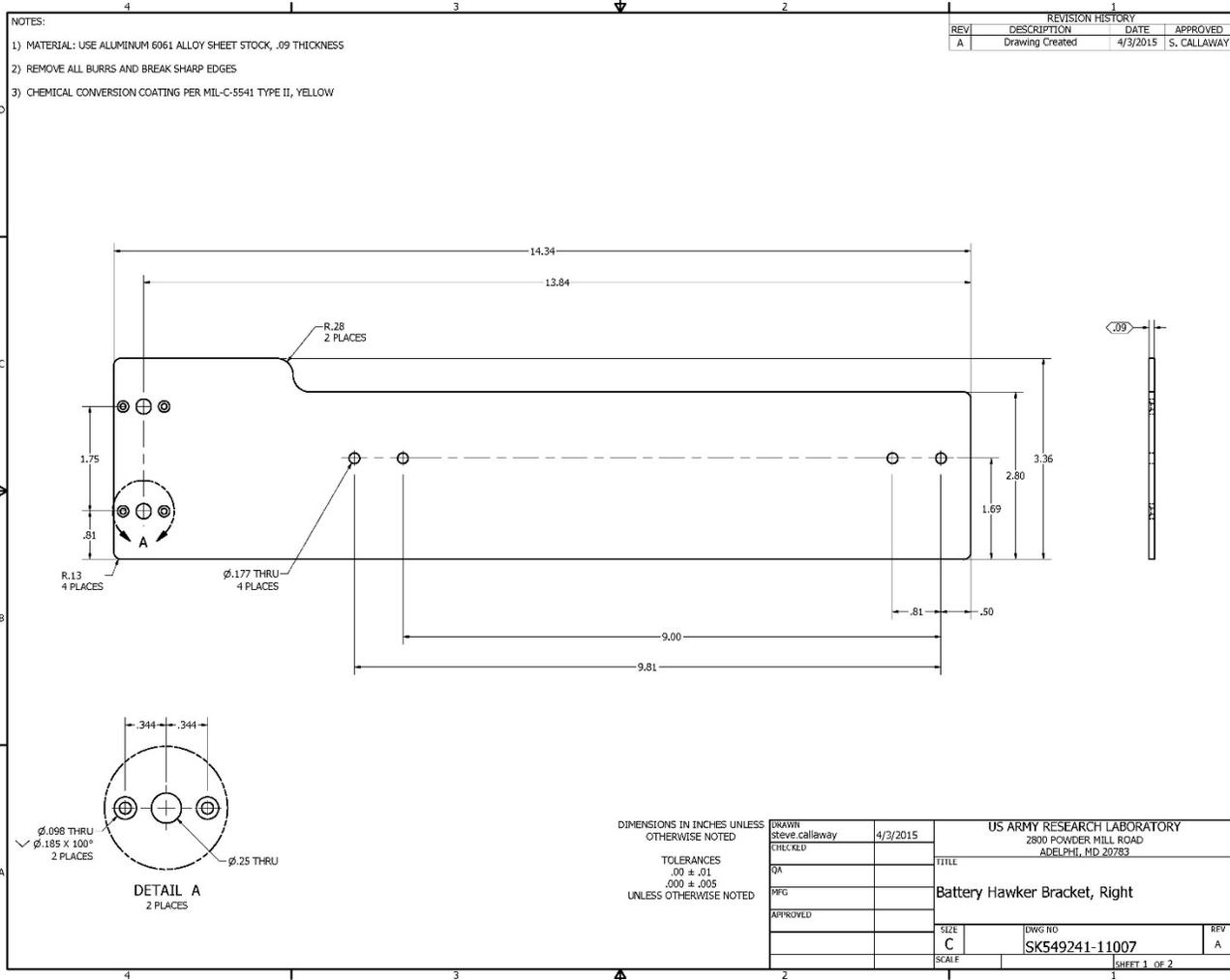


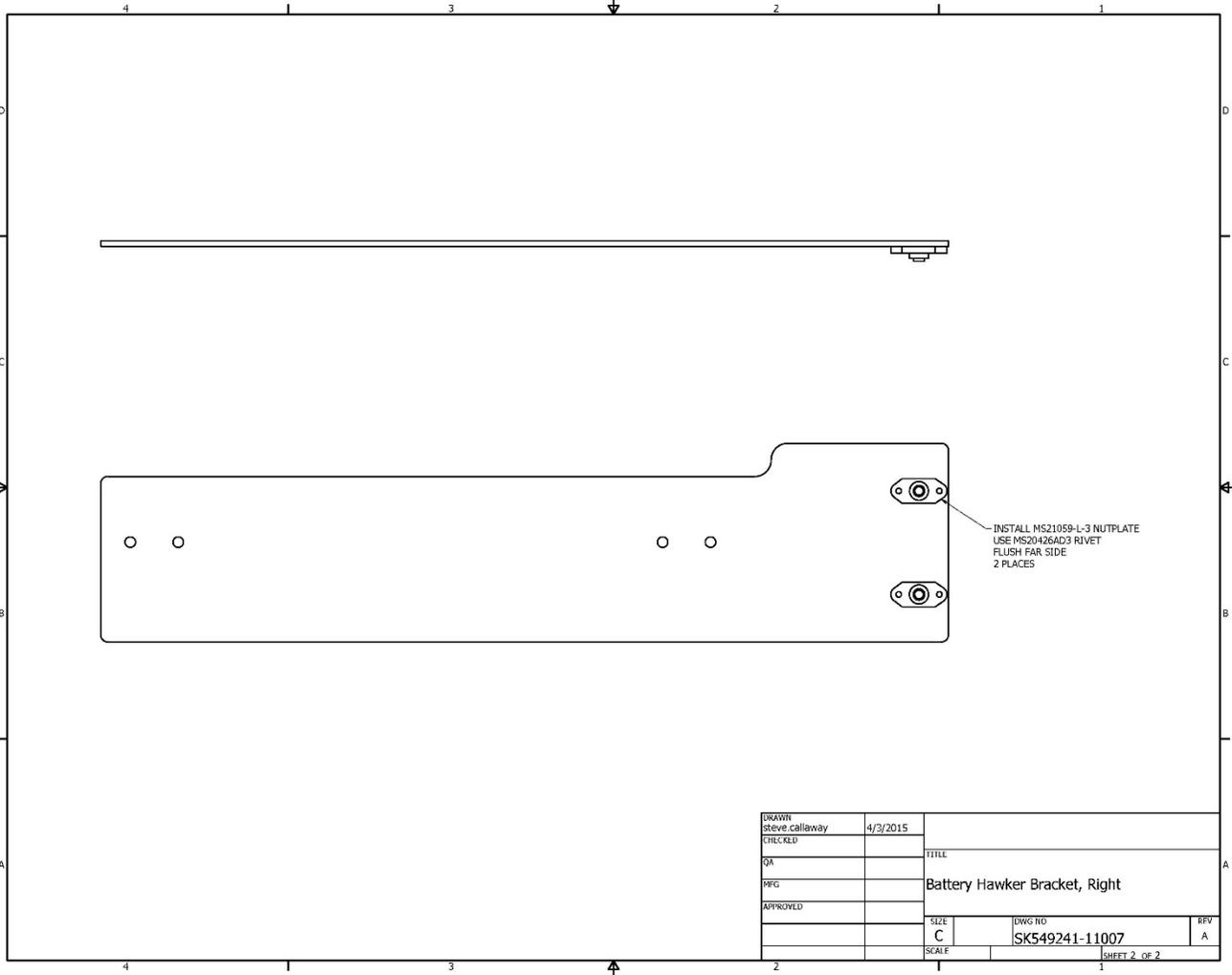


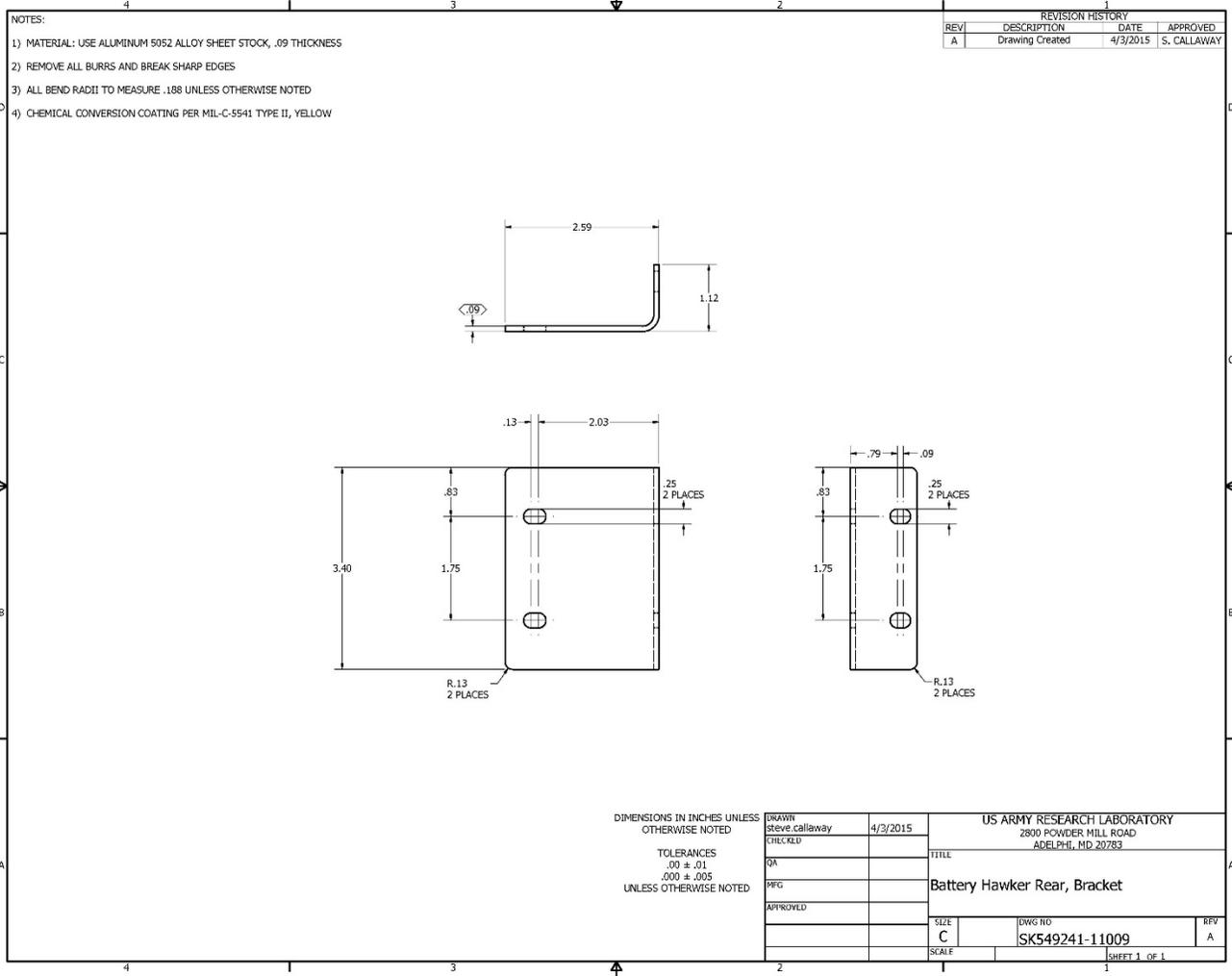


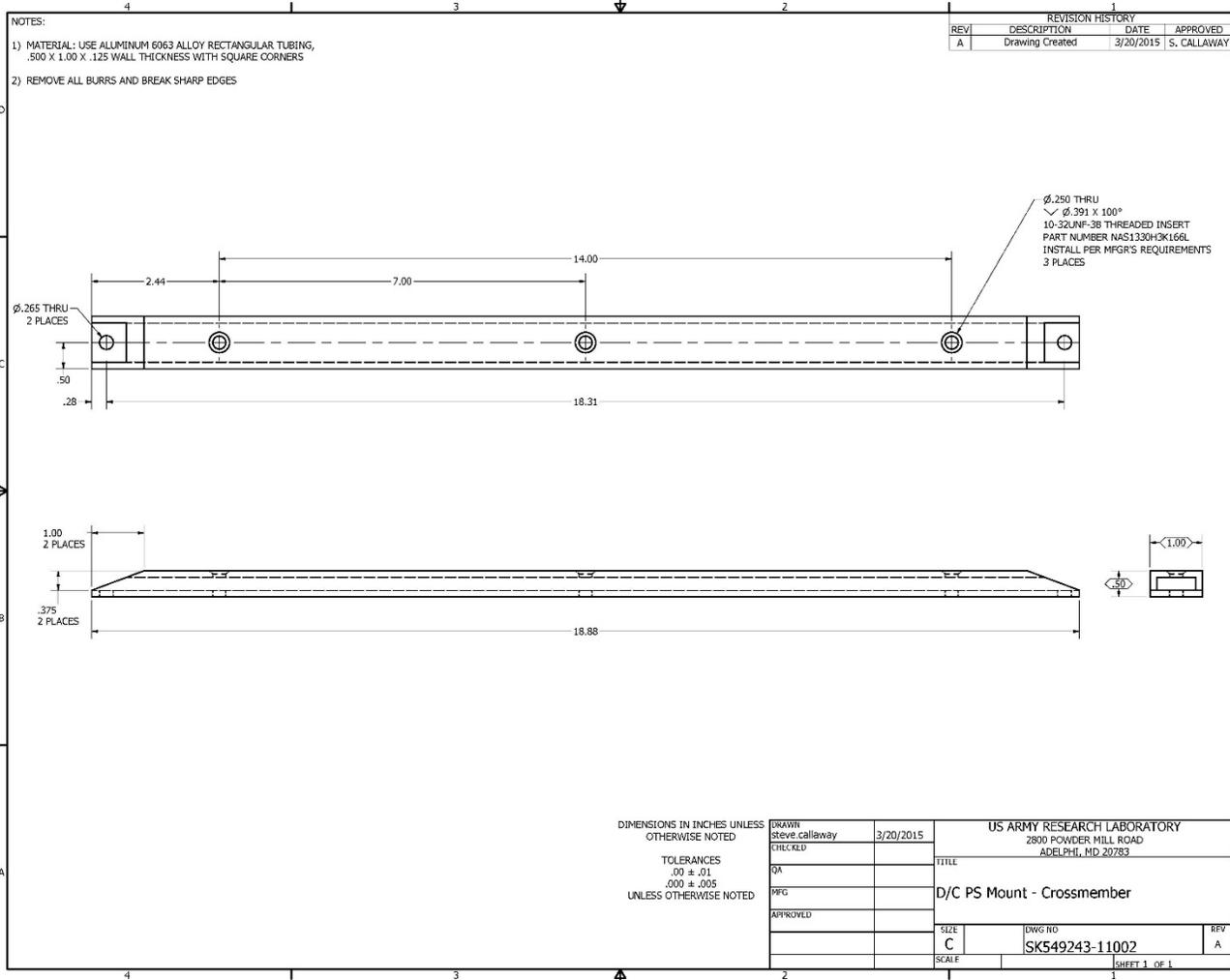


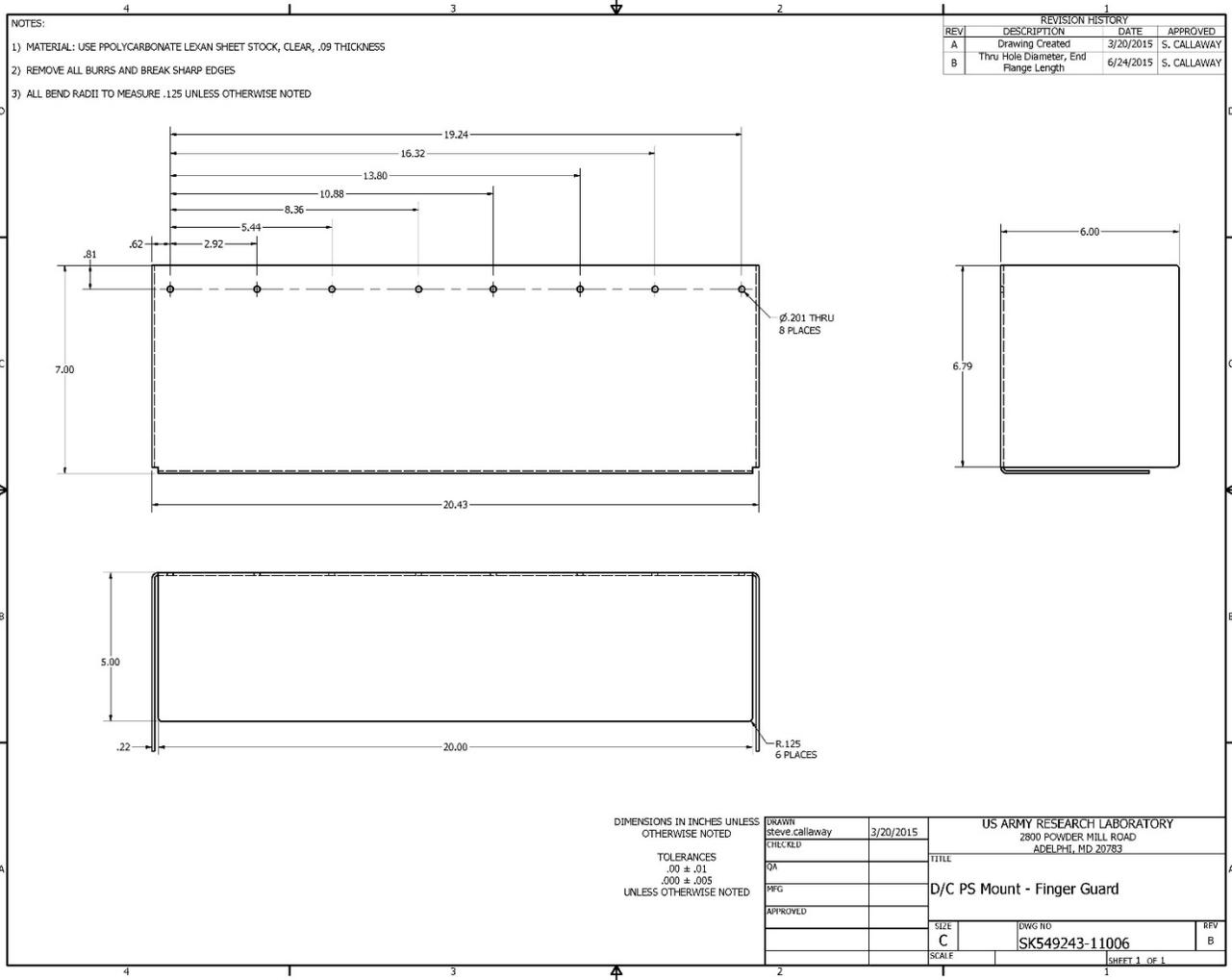
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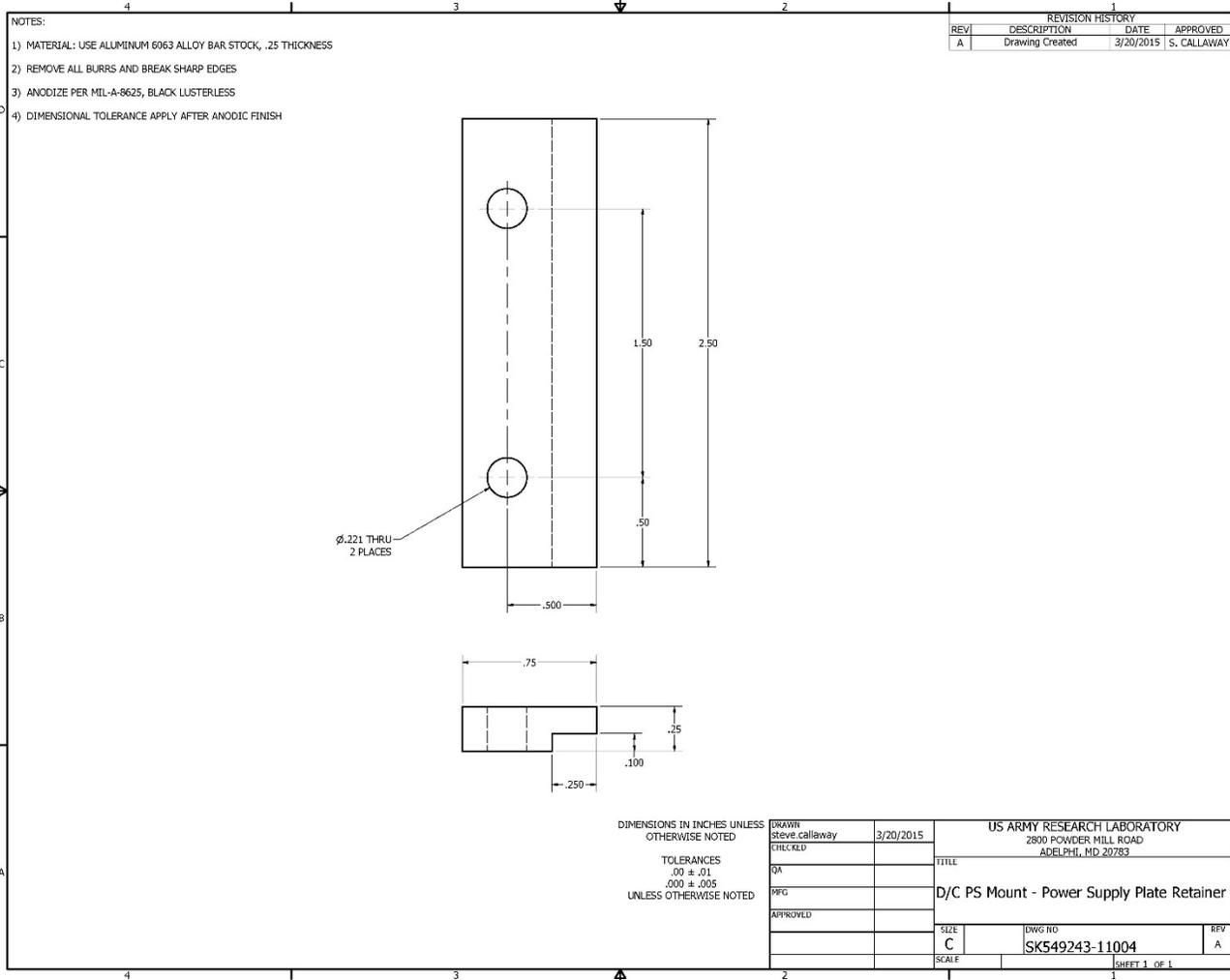


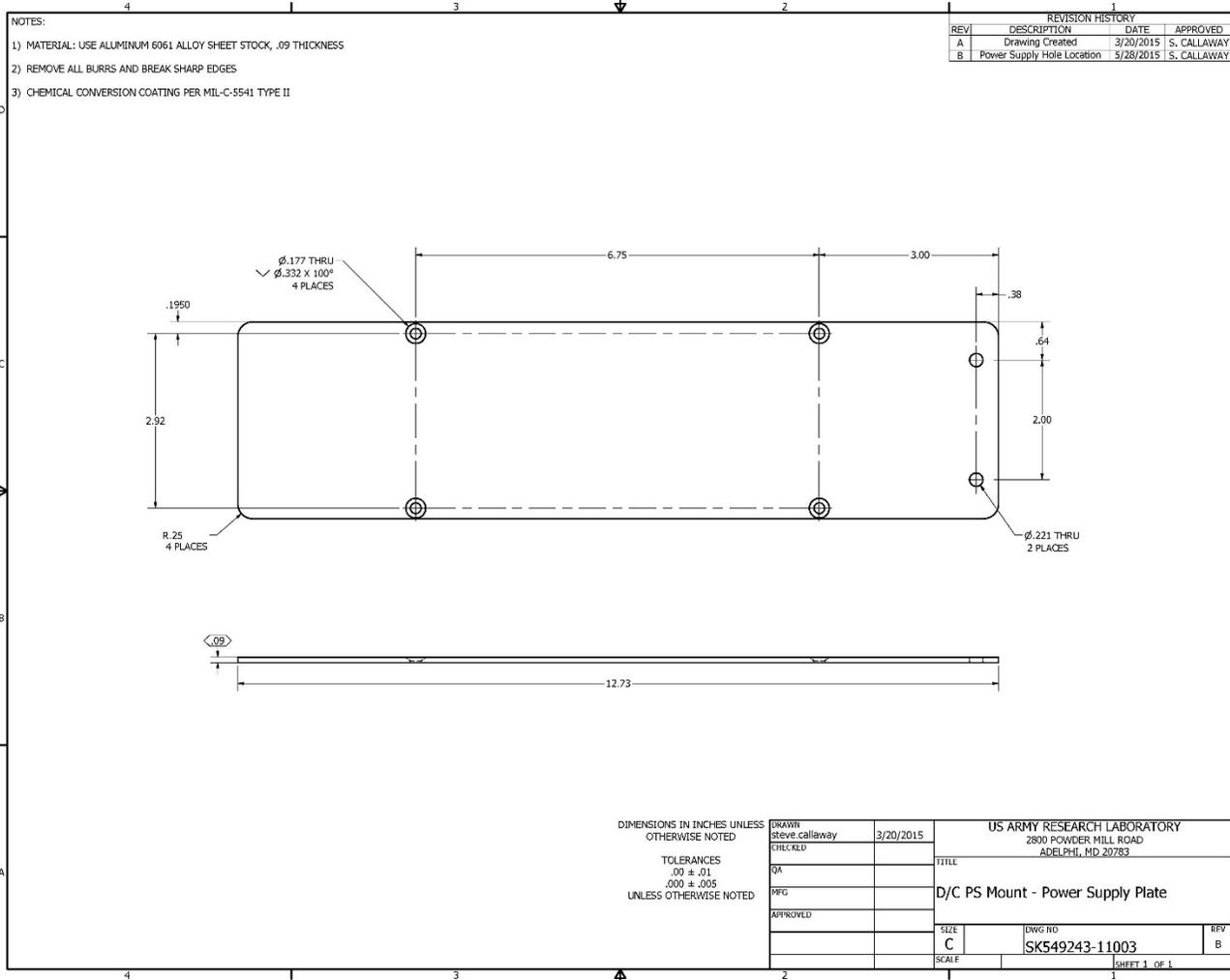


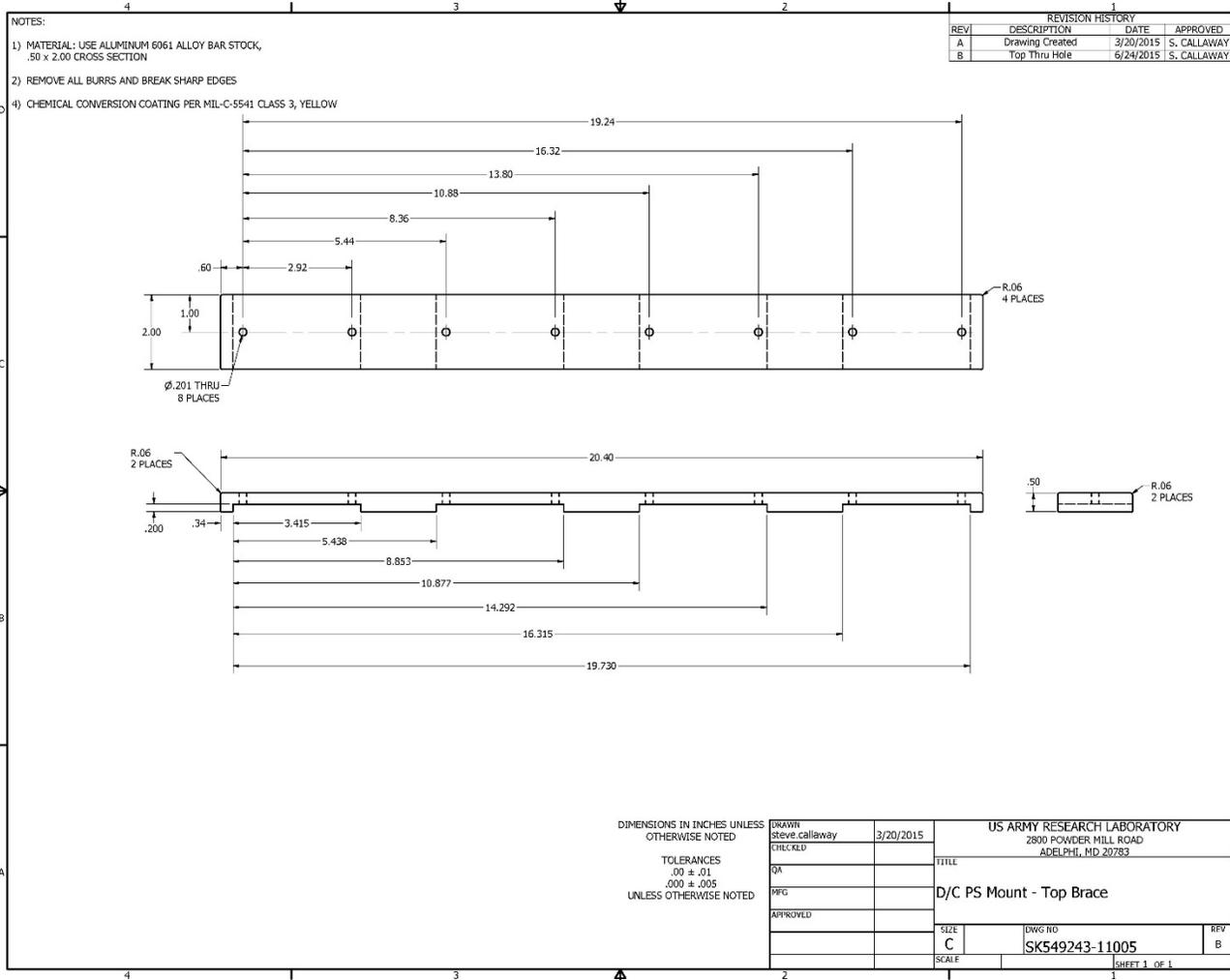


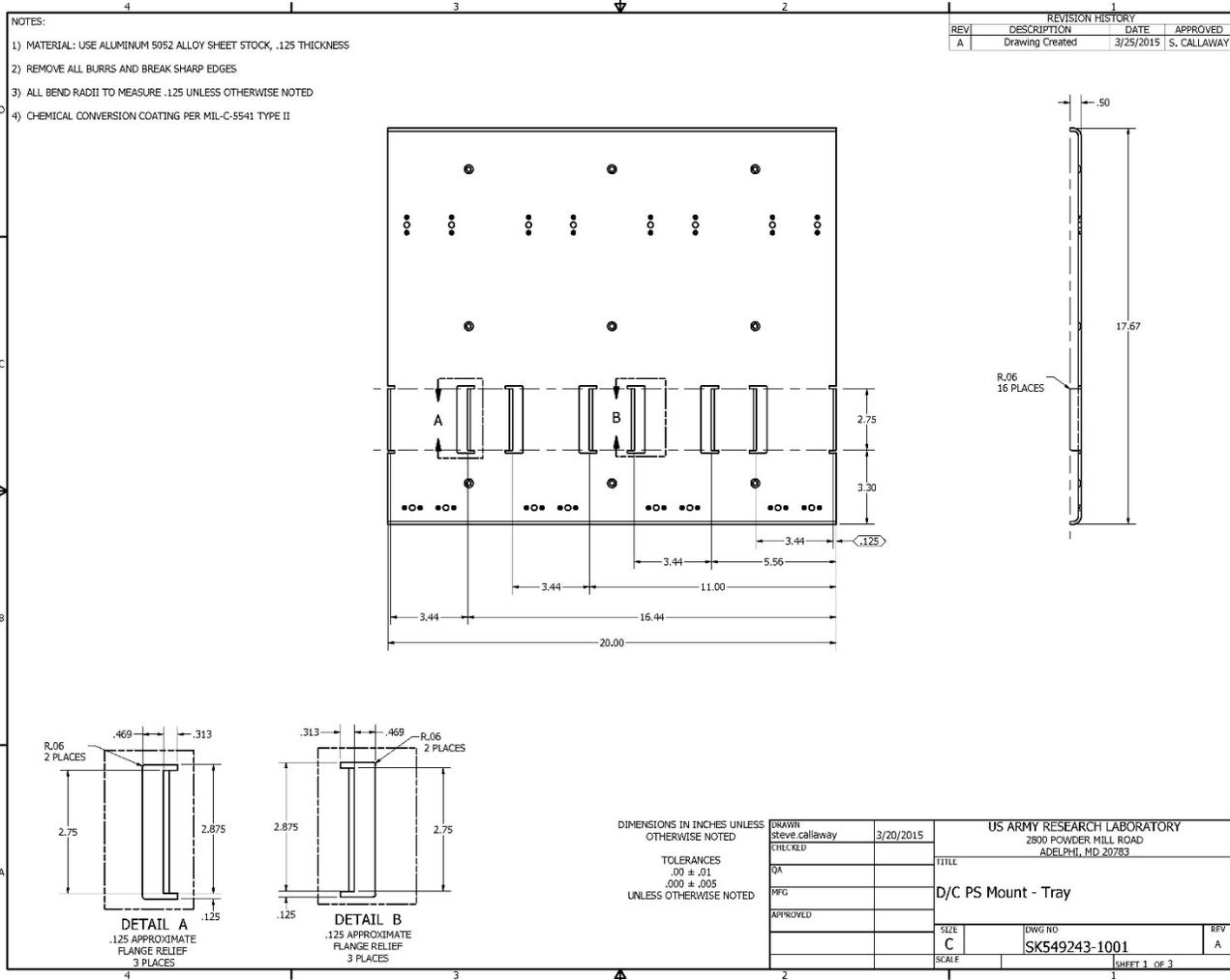


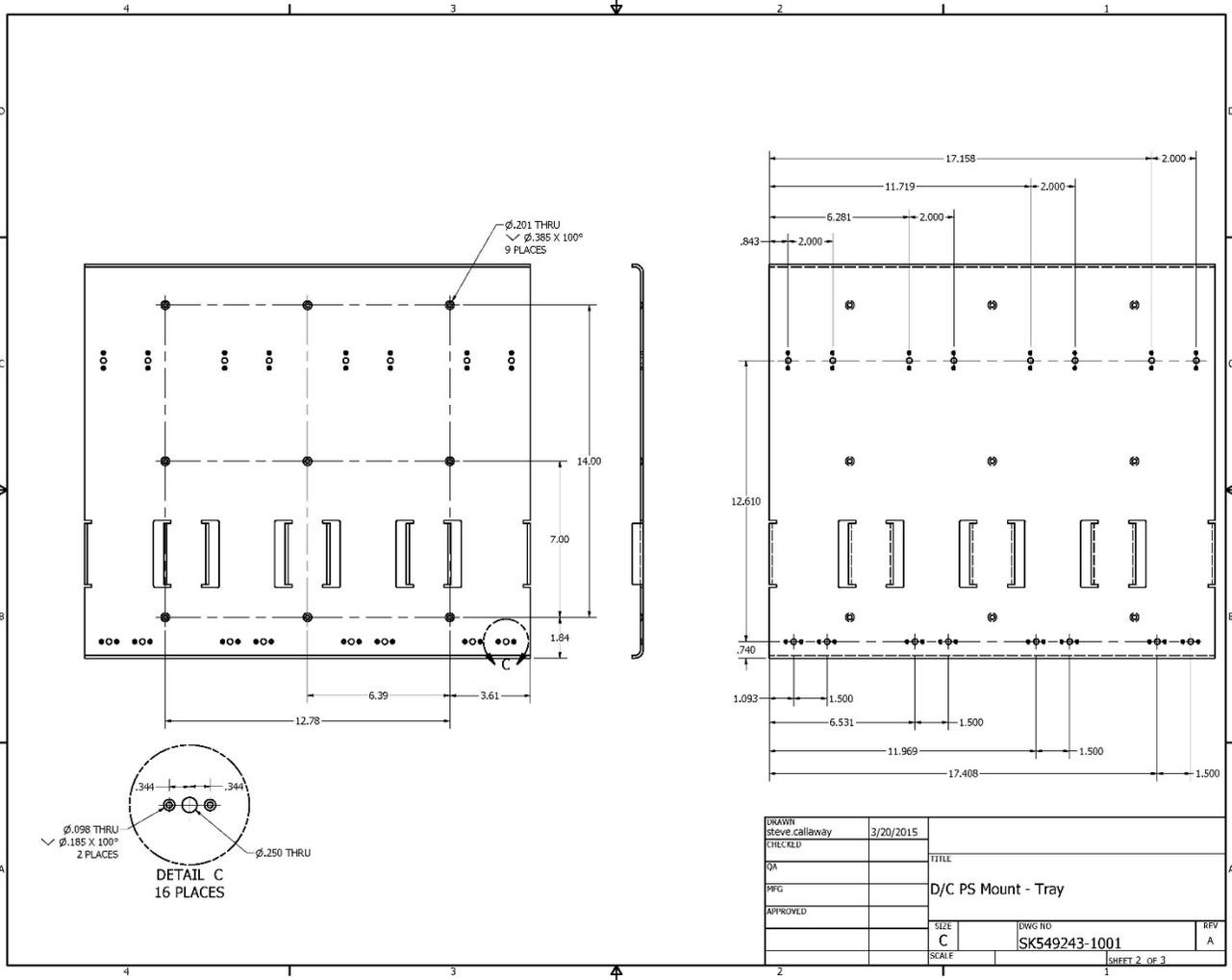


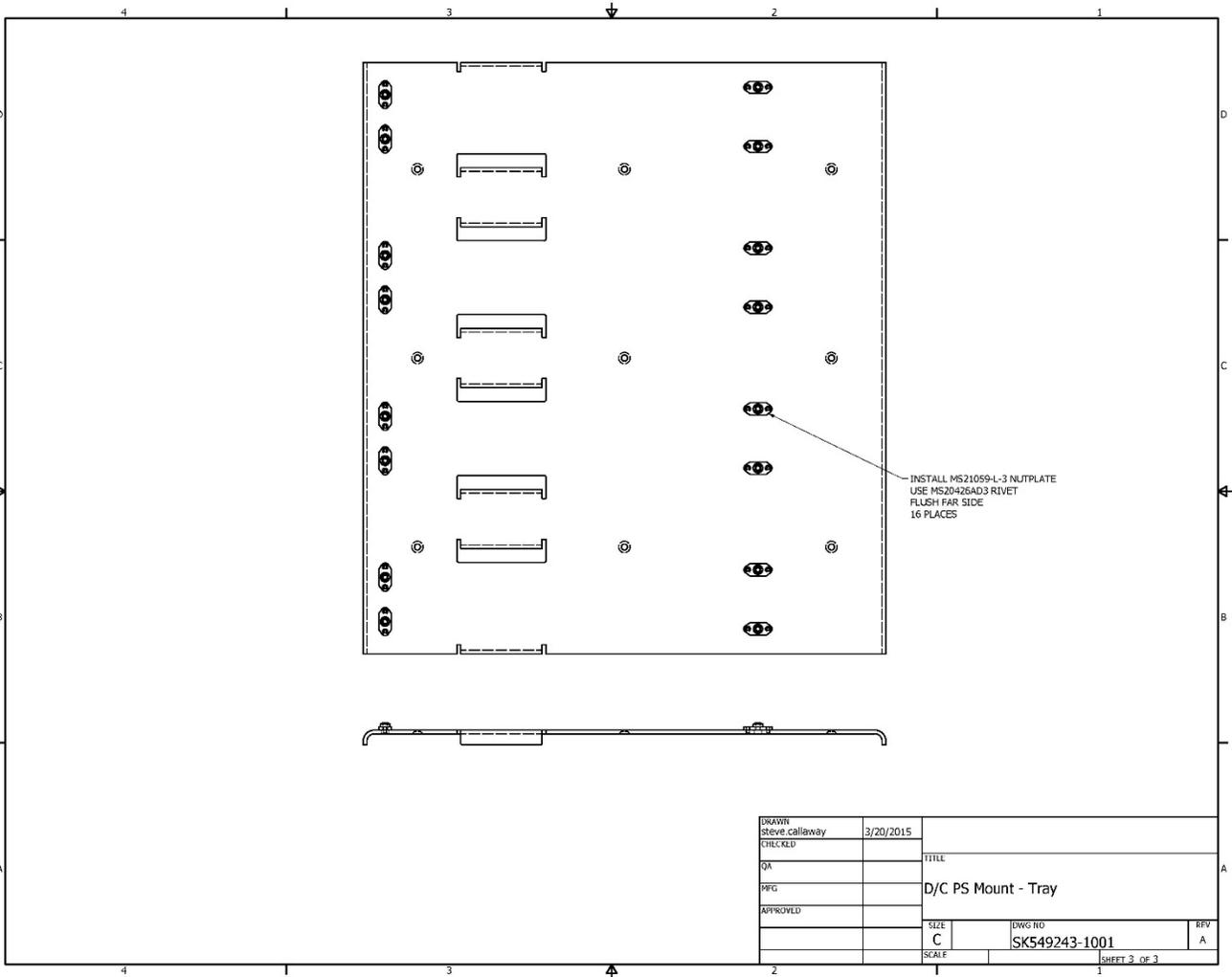


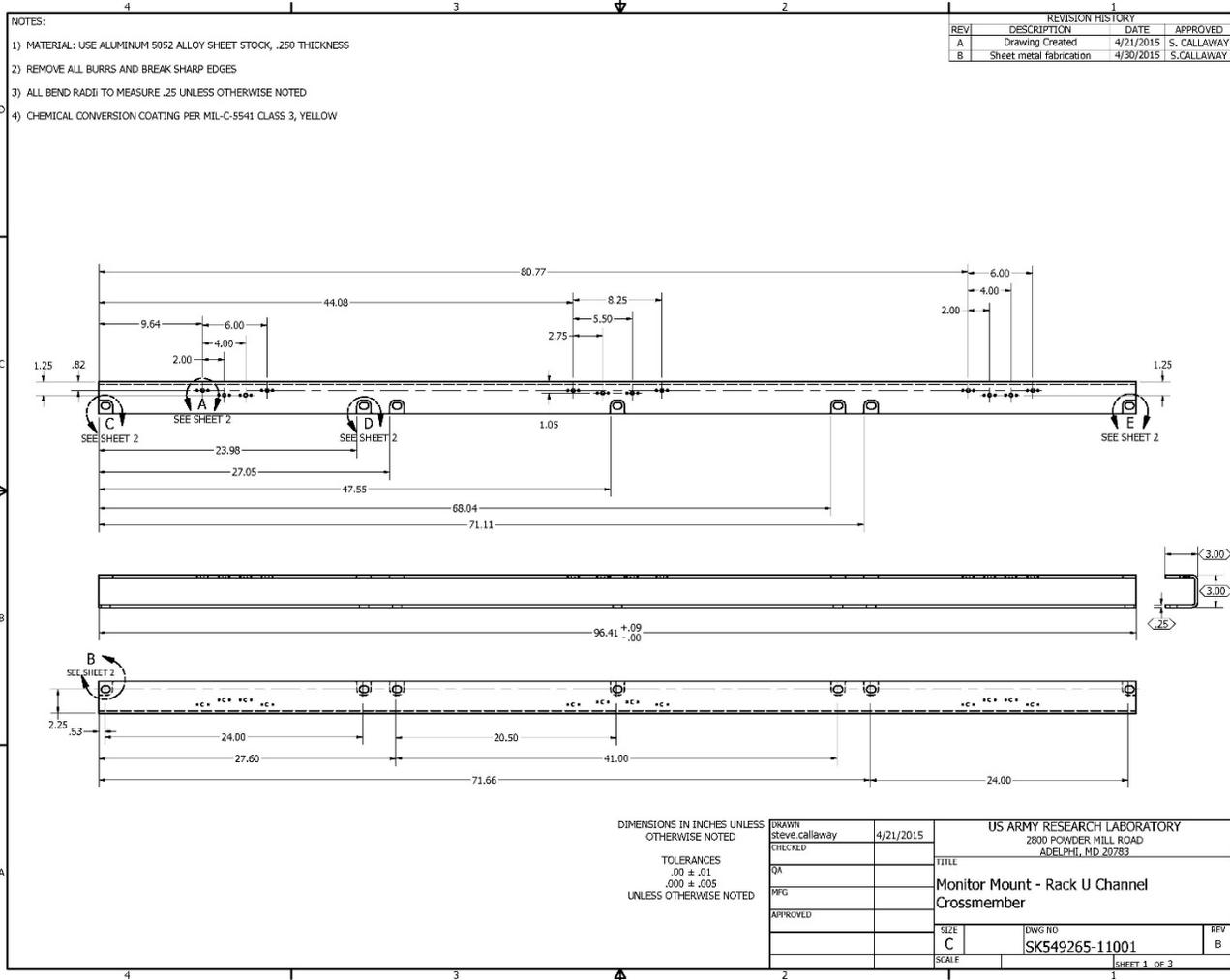


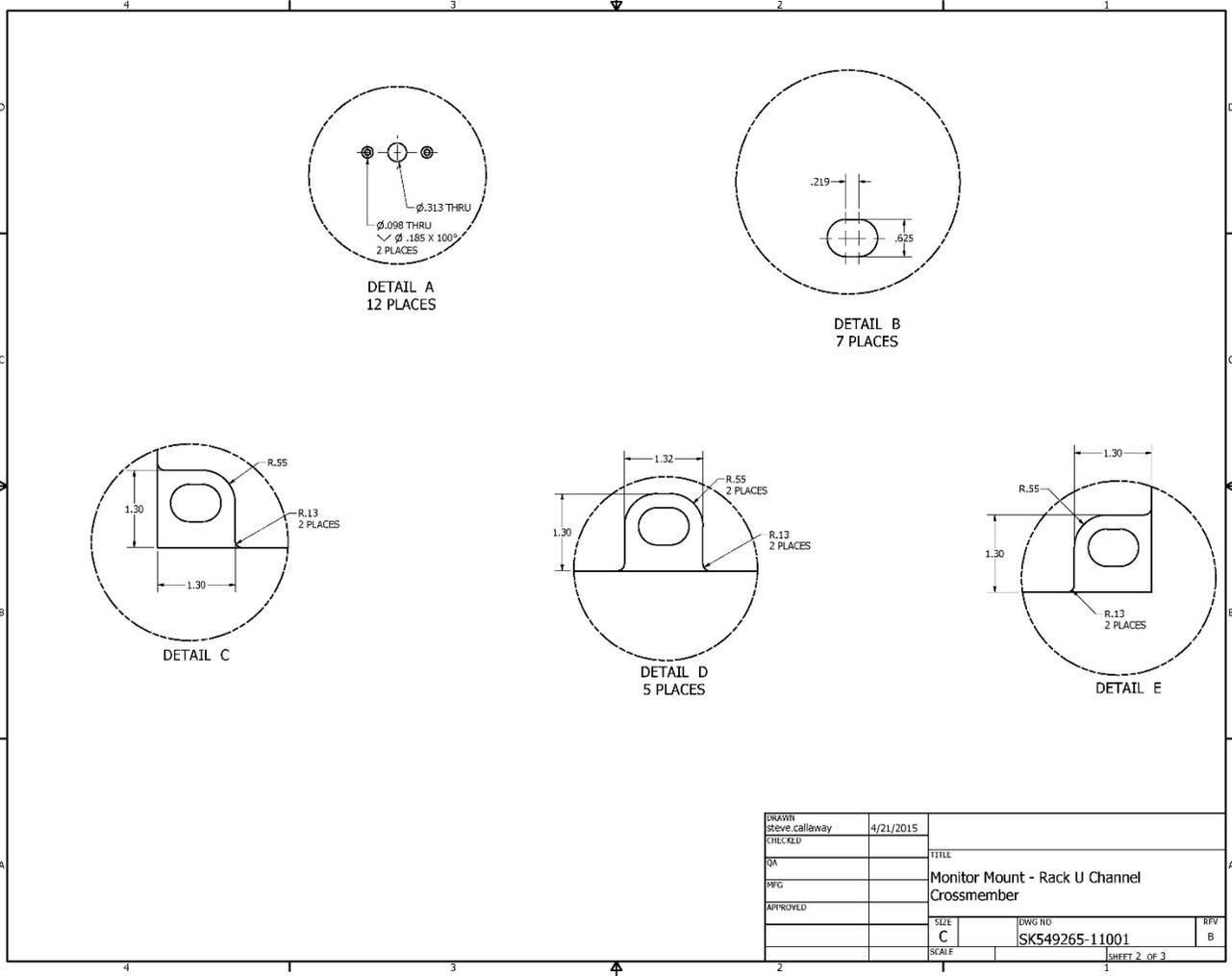




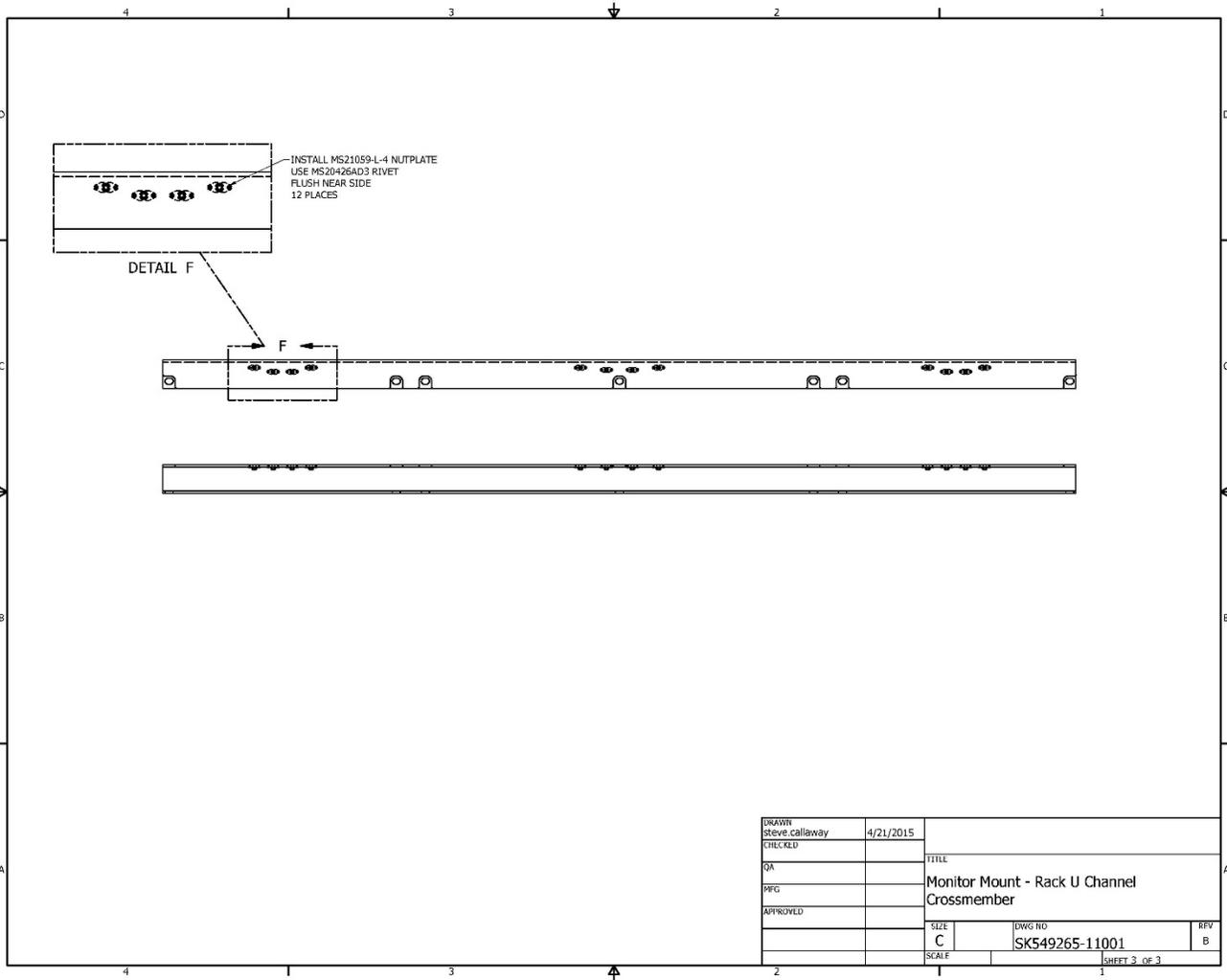




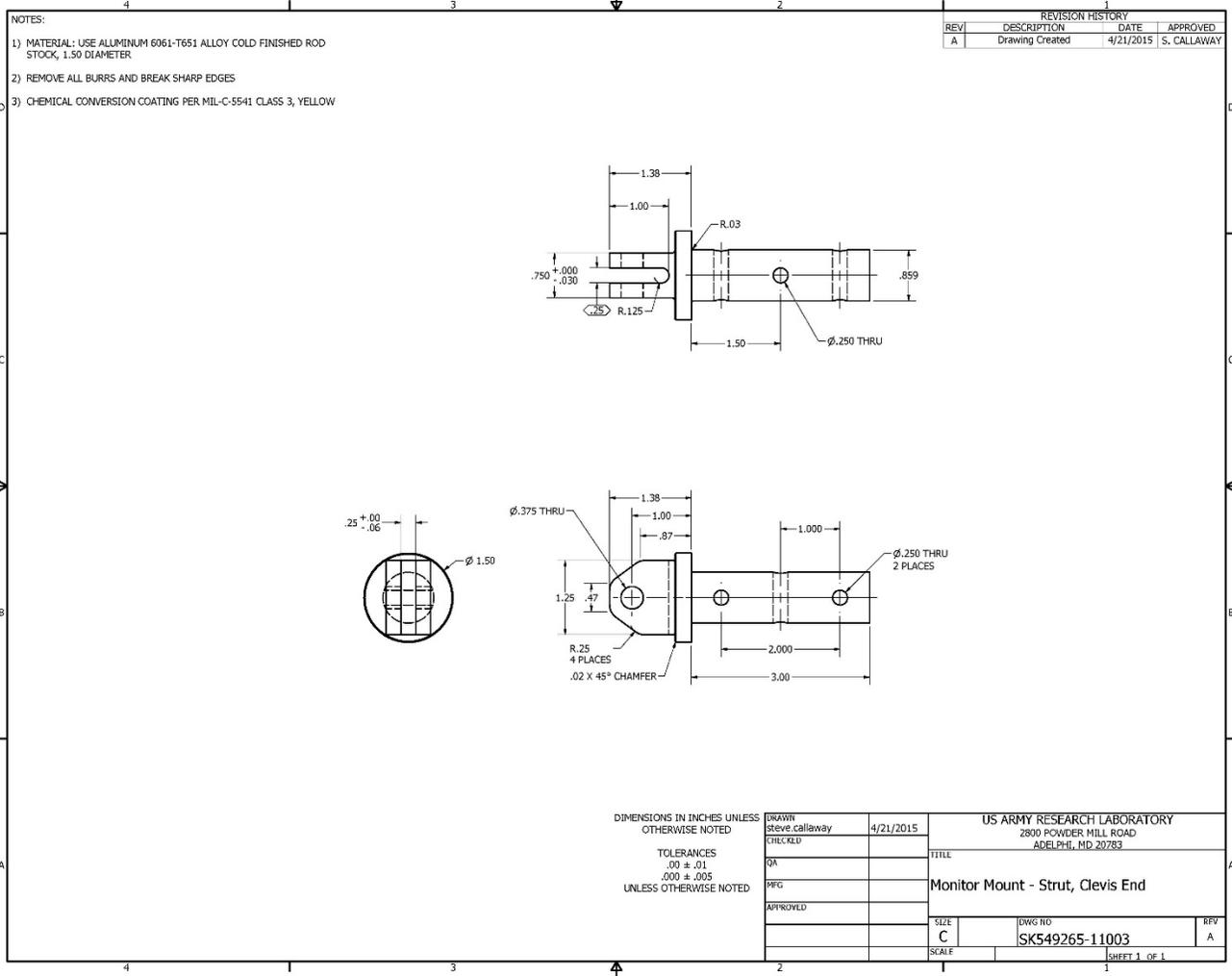


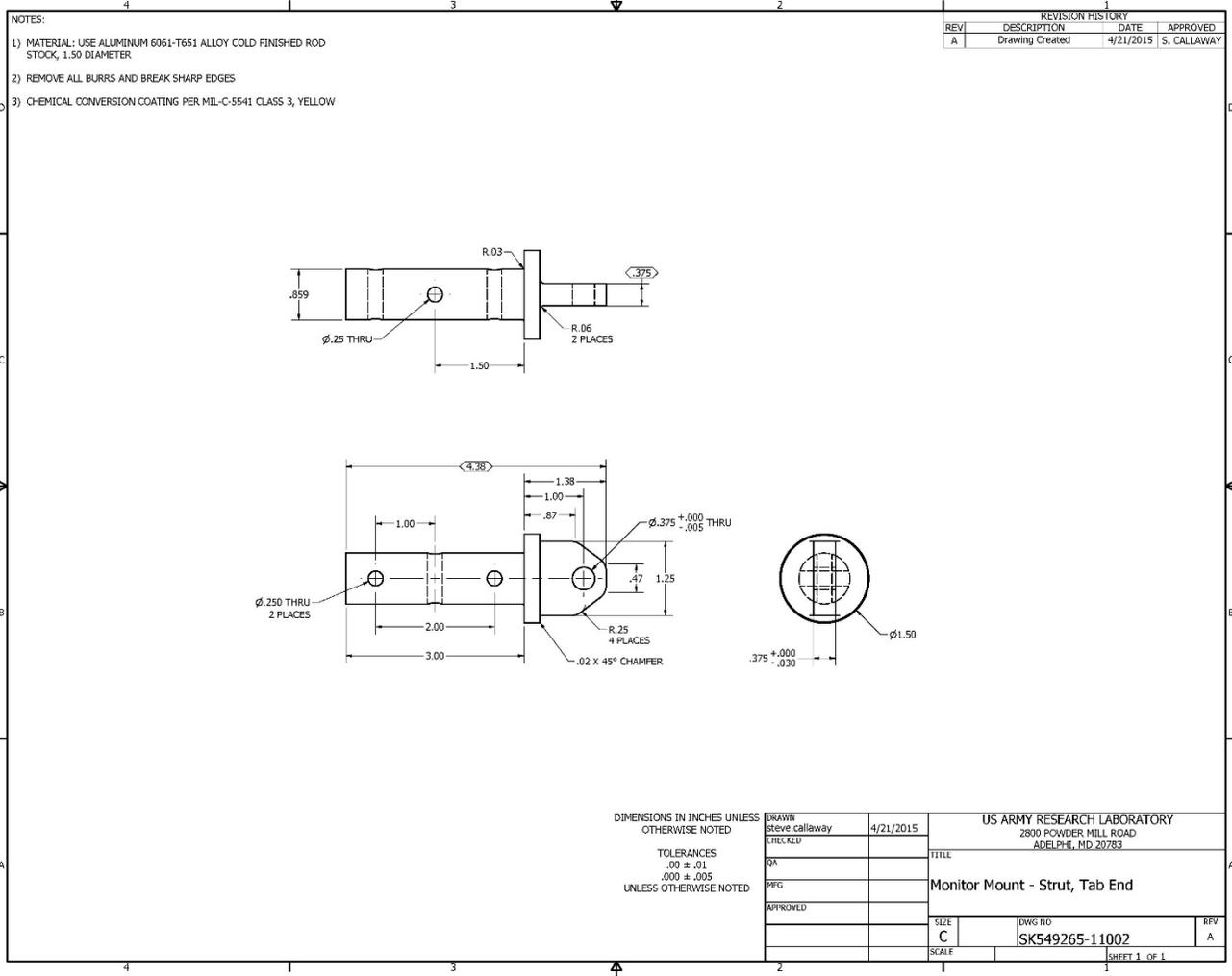


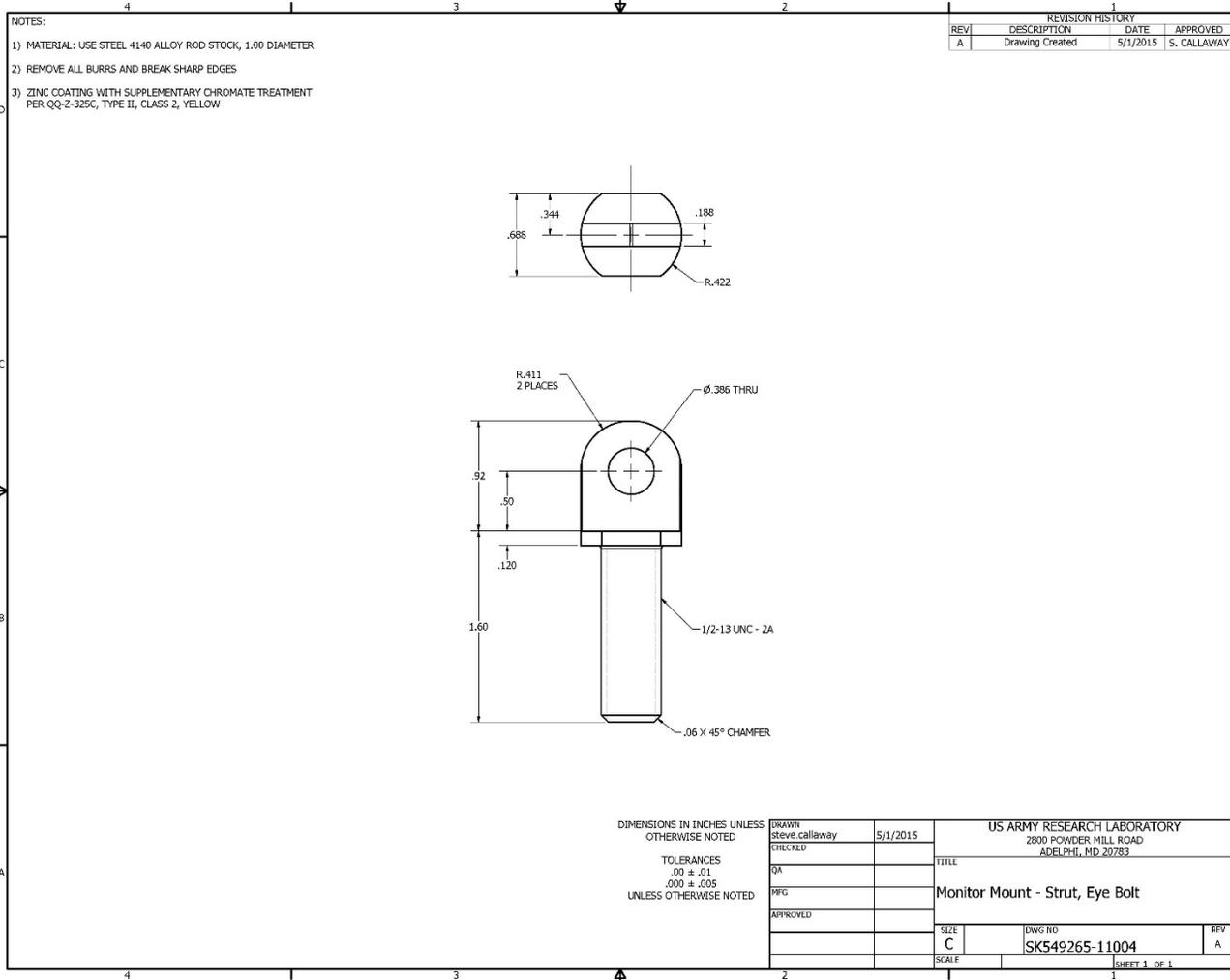
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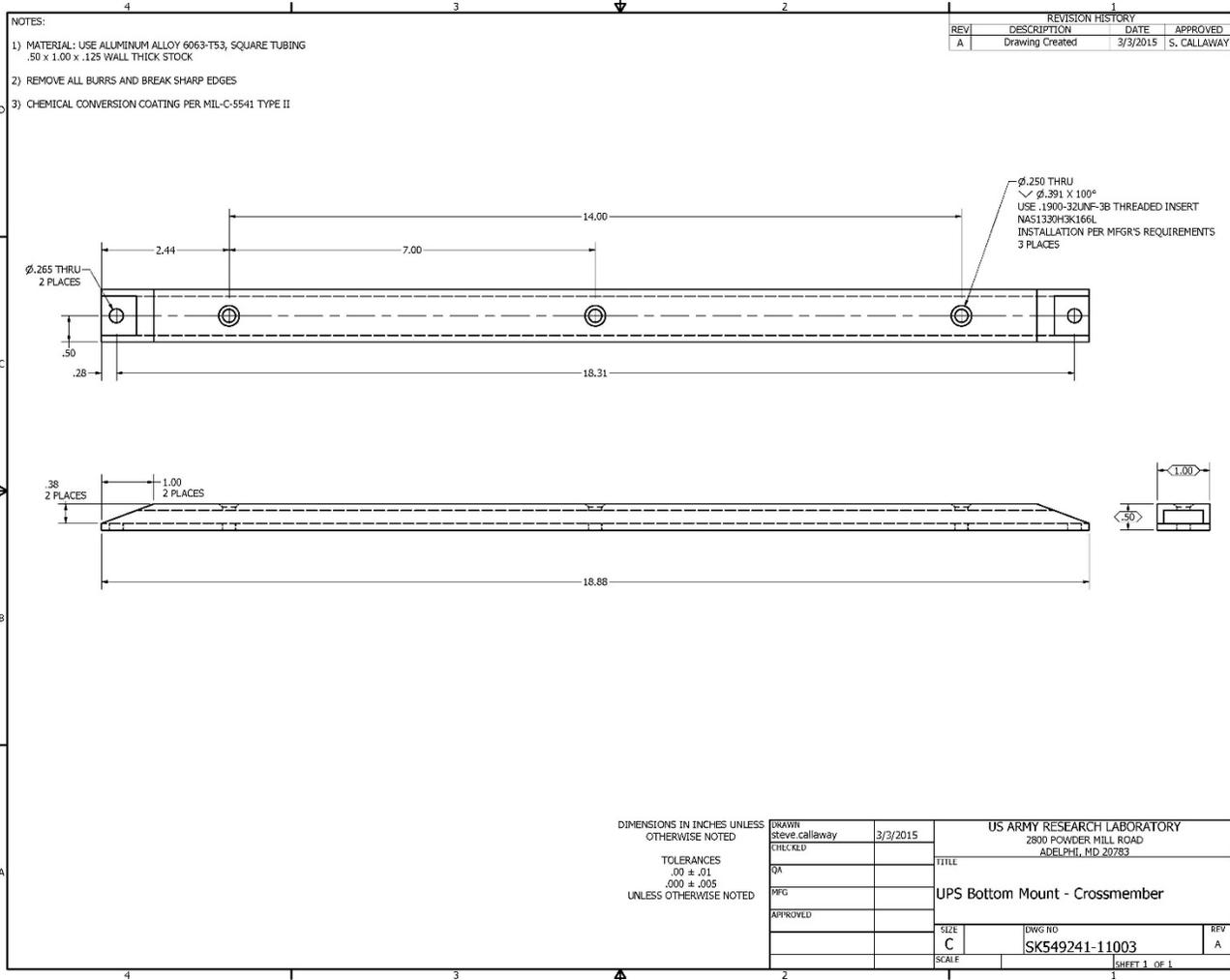


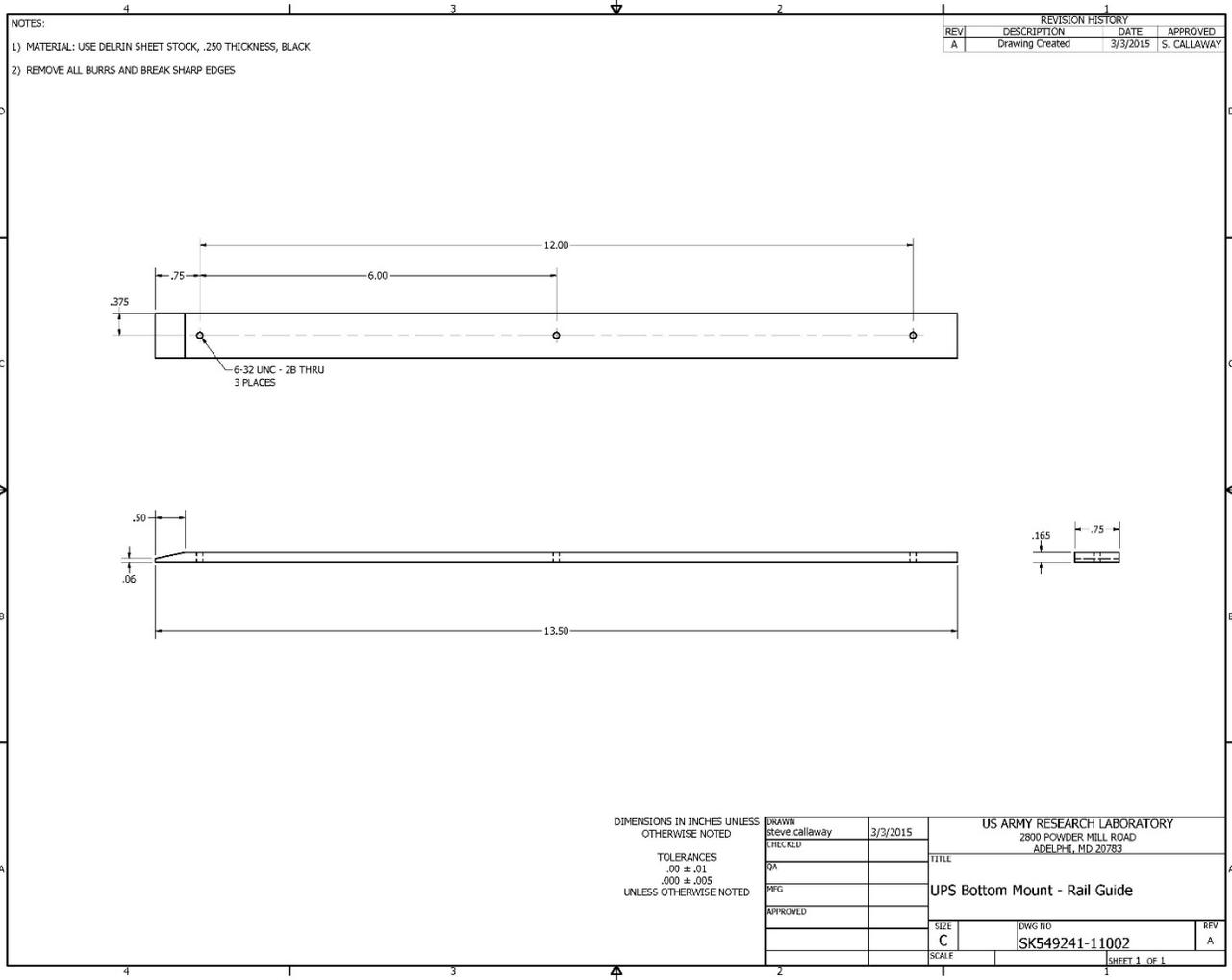
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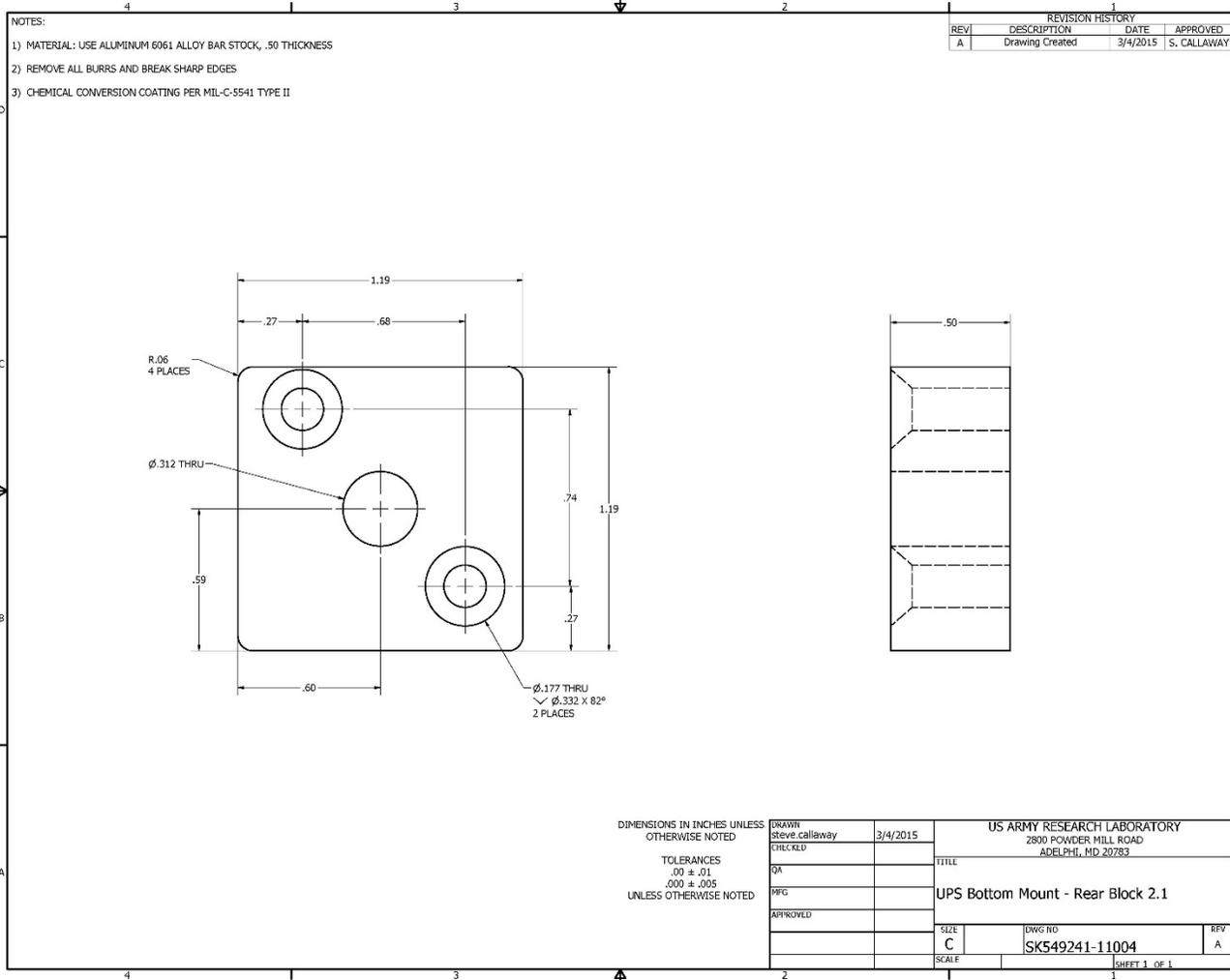


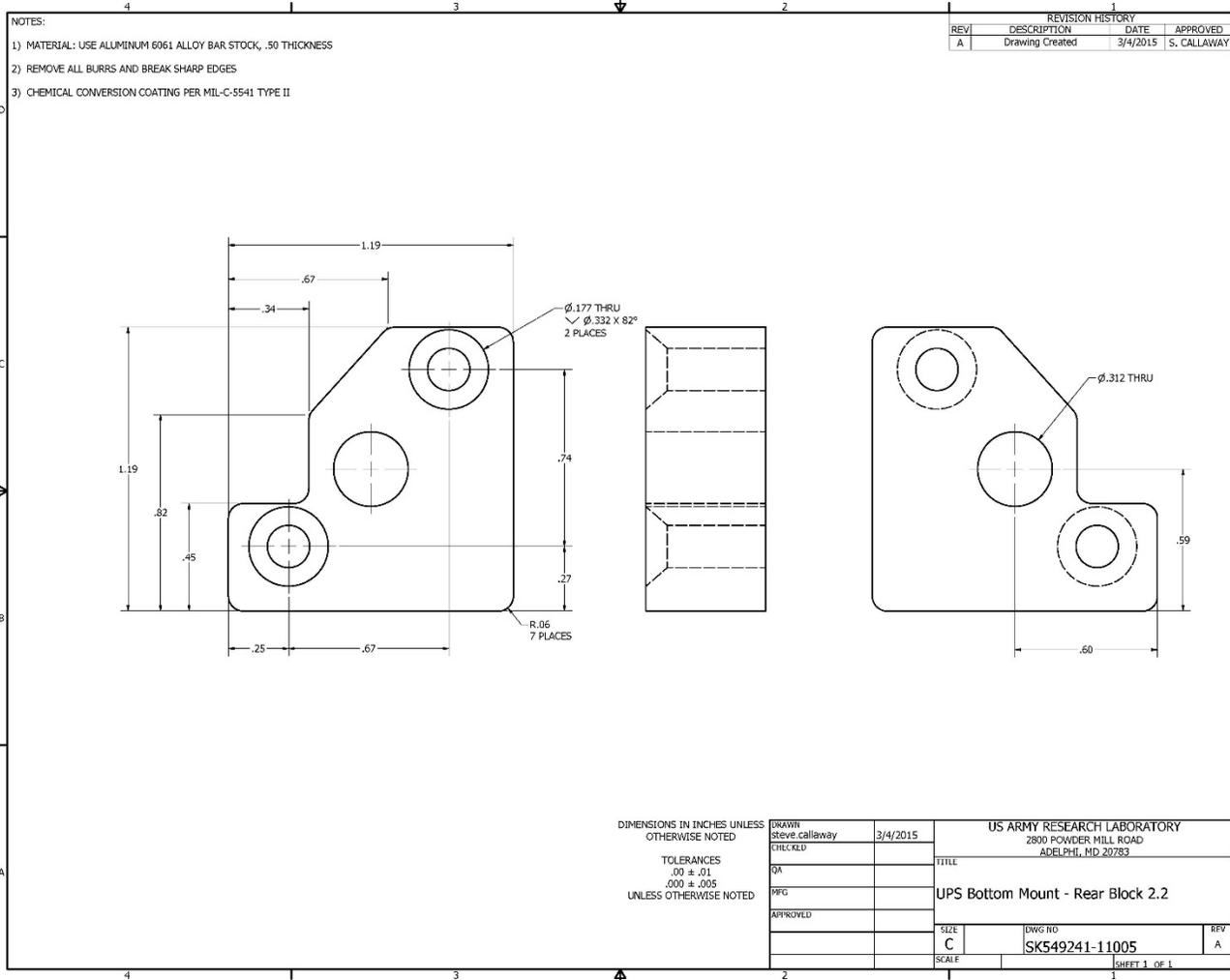


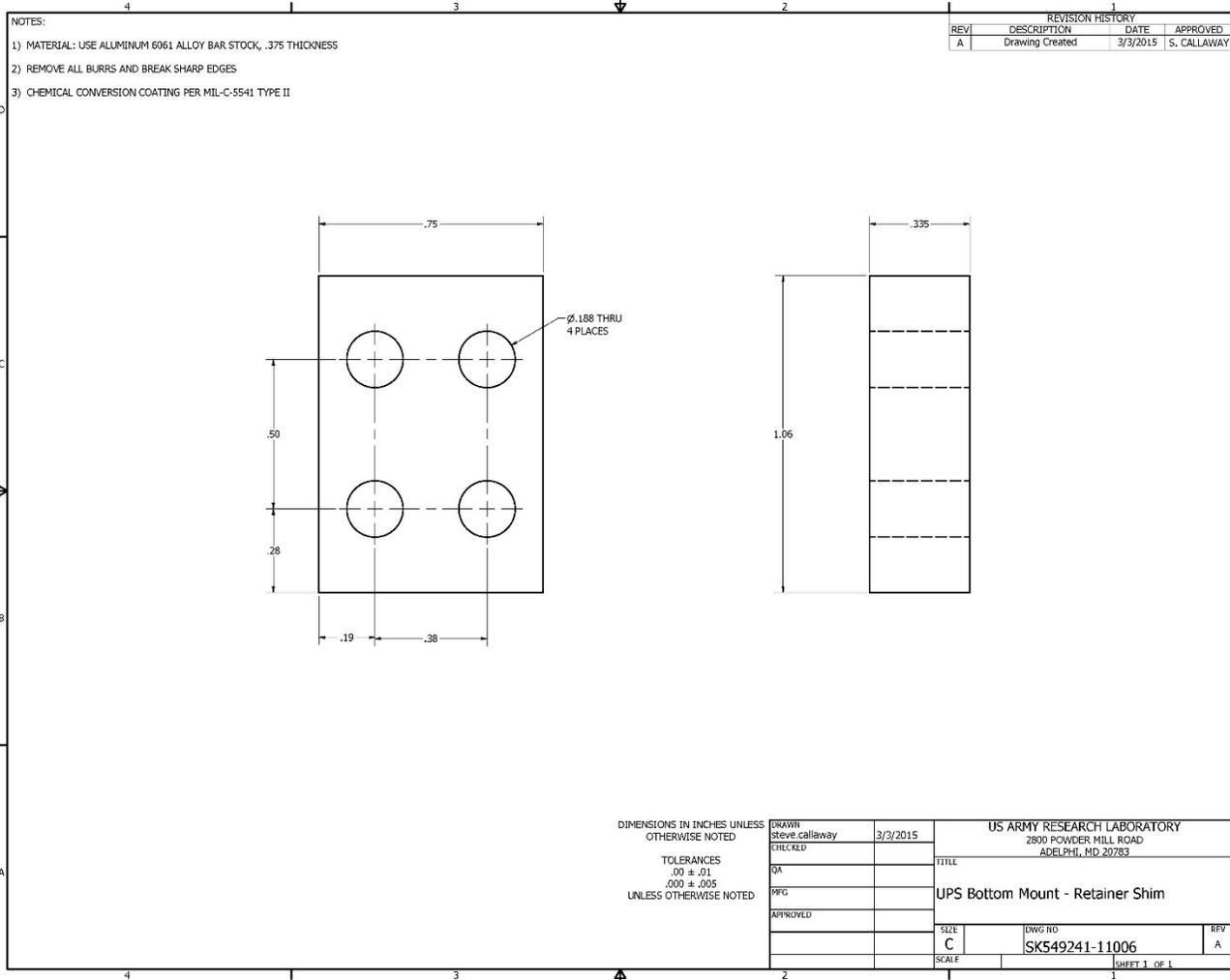


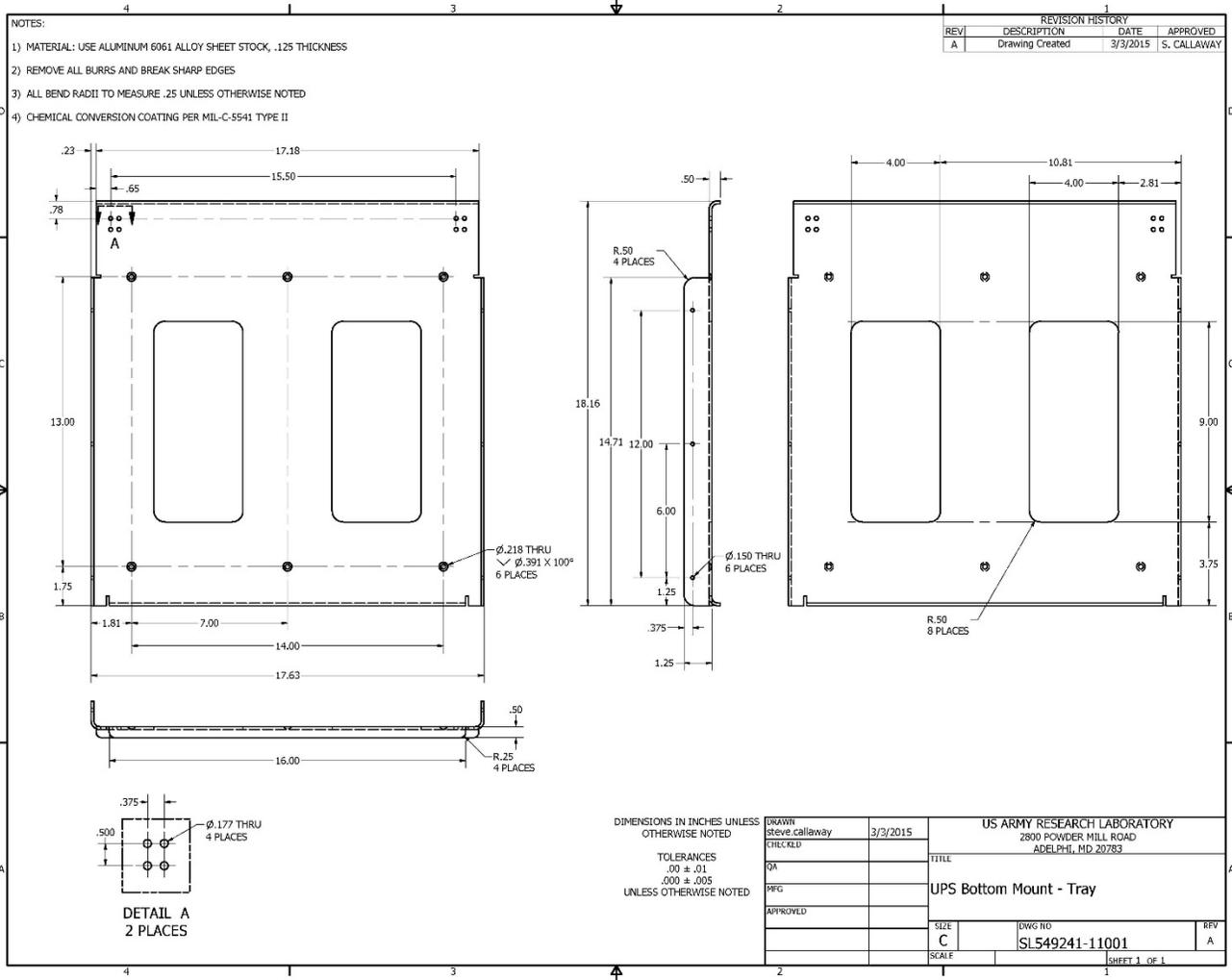












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