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(DSCC photo by Chuck Morris)

Former leaders of DCSC and DSCC were honored during a June 9 DSCC Hall of Fame induction ceremony. DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson (left) and DSCC Deputy Commander James McLaugherty (right) share the stage with members of the sixth induction class (from left) Ann Bradway, Michael Corelis, Forrest Flewellen and Mary Ann Skocik.

DSCC's newest Hall of Fame members share wisdom, gratitude at ceremony

By Leah Hout
DSCC Public Affairs Office

The Defense Supply Center Columbus honored four former associates for their dedicated service and contributions in supporting the warfighter during a June 9 Hall of Fame ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium.

Those recognized in the sixth induction class were Ann Bradway, former director of DSCC Maritime Operations Operations; Michael Corelis, former chief of the DSCC Acquisition Systems Division; For-

rest Flewellen, former DCSC public affairs officer; and Mary Ann Skocik, former DSCC chief of staff.

"Today's ceremony provides a formal way to recognize and honor our associates who have shaped the course of our history," DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson said. "[These inductees] helped to mold DSCC into the great installation and organization it is today.

"Each of our awardees has a unique history and story and has made signifi-

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DLA Portsmouth officially joins DSCC family June 6

By John Foreman
DSCC Public Affairs Office

KITTERY, Maine - Defense Logistics Agency Portsmouth Naval Shipyard joined the Defense Supply Center Columbus family June 6 as part of a mandated Supply, Storage and Distribution management reconfiguration within the Department of Defense.

About 120 Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

Norfolk Portsmouth Annex employees gathered in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard auditorium June 2 for a transfer of function ceremony.

During the ceremony, DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson passed the DLA flag to Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pat Moore, the new commander of DLA Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Moore also

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(Portsmouth Naval Shipyard photo by James Cleveland)

DSCC Deputy Commander James McLaugherty presents the DSCC cornerstone brick to DLA Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Deputy Commander Donna Shepherd during a June 2 transfer of function ceremony.

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OBITUARIES

Bertha A. Boatley

Bertha A. Boatley, 95, died June 10. Ms. Boatley retired in 1979 from DCSC after 35 years of service.

Marion A. Brown

Marion A. Brown, 89, of Newark, died June 12 at the Arlington Care Center. Mr. Brown was a U.S. Army and World War II veteran and retired from Newark Air Force Base in 1983.

Raymond Paul Johnson

Raymond Paul Johnson, 62, of Buckeye Lake, died June 4 at the Louis Stokes Veterans Hospital in Brecksville. Mr. Johnson was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired Newark Air Force Base employee.

Charles Eugene "Ike" Kyle Sr.

Charles Eugene "Ike" Kyle Sr., 82, of Newark, died June 7 at his residence. Mr. Kyle was a U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force veteran and was retired from Newark Air Force Base

Glenda J. Payne

Glenda J. Payne, 69, died June 2 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Ms. Payne was retired from DESC after 30 years of service.

Raymond "Herb" Shackleford

Raymond "Herb" Shackleford, 70, of Newark, died June 1 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center. Mr. Shackleford was a U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force veteran and was retired from Newark Air Force Base.

Robert Lee Shaner

Robert Lee Shaner, 69, of Columbus, died May 27 at his residence. Mr. Shaner was a retired DCSC employee.

Marvin Edward Taylor

Marvin Edward Taylor died June 12 at his residence. Mr. Taylor was a U.S. Army veteran and was employed at the Department of Defense for 25 years as an accounting technician.

VA simplifies forms to reduce paperwork, speed up process

From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

As part of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki's effort to break the back of the backlog, the Department of Veterans Affairs is reducing the paperwork and expediting the process for veterans seeking compensation for disabilities related to their military service.

"These reductions in paperwork, along with other improvements to simplify and speed the claims process, symbolize changes under way to make VA more responsive to veterans and their families," Shinseki said.

VA has shortened application forms to reduce paperwork for veterans. The new forms, which are being made available on VA's Web site at www.va.gov/vaforms, include:

- A shortened VA Form 21-526 for veterans applying for the first time to VA for disability compensation or pension benefits. This form has been cut in half - from 23 to 10 pages. It is immediately available to veterans via Web download, and will be available through VA's online claim-filing process later this summer at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
 - VA Form 21-526b for veterans seeking increased benefits for conditions already determined by VA to be service-connected. This new form more clearly describes the information needed to support claims for increased benefits.
- In order to make the claims process

faster, VA has also introduced two new forms for veterans participating in the department's new fully developed claim (FDC) program, which is one of the fastest means to receive a claims decision.

Gathering the information and evidence needed to support a veteran's disability claim often takes the largest portion of the processing time. If VA receives all of the available evidence when the claim is submitted, the remaining steps in the claims-decision process can be expedited without compromising quality.

To participate in the FDC program, veterans should complete and submit an FDC Certification and VA Form 21-526EZ, "Fully Developed Claim (Compensation)," for a compensation claim, or a VA Form 21-527EZ, "Fully Developed Claim (Pension)," for a pension claim.

The forms were designed specifically for the FDC program. These six-page application forms include notification to applicants of all information and evidence necessary to "fully develop" and substantiate their claims. With this notification, veterans and their representatives can "fully develop" their claims before submission to VA for processing.

Along with the application and certification, veterans must also submit all relevant and pertinent evidence to "fully develop" their claims. A claim submitted as "fully developed" may still require some additional evidence to be obtained by VA, to include certain federal records

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NEWS BRIEFS

Operation Feed Campaign winds down at DSCC

A total of 37,845 pounds of food was donated by DSCC associates during the 2010 Operation Feed campaign held May 3 to June 4.

The canned and other non-perishable food items were sent to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank for distribution to food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters in central and southeastern Ohio.

DSCC replacing seats in Building 20 auditorium

The Building 20 auditorium on the DSCC installation will be closed for events Aug. 24 through Sept. 10 while the seats are replaced.

The \$206,000 project will replace all 504 seats in the auditorium, according to Jim Homce,

lead general engineer at DSCC.

DLA to host conference Aug. 23-25 in Columbus

The Defense Logistics Agency will host an Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition Aug. 23-25 in Columbus at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St.

This event features speakers from the Office of Secretary of Defense and the military services, informative breakout sessions, and exhibits from DLA's headquarters, field activities and major suppliers.

The theme of this year's conference is "Globally Responsive Forward Support," highlighting DLA's role in providing logistics support around the world and the need for continued collaborative leadership in support of the global supply chain.

More information about the conference is available at the National Defense Industrial Association web site at www.ndia.org.

Associates reminded to register family for event

The DSCC Equal Employment Office is encouraging all associates on the installation to begin registering family members who are attending June 24 MWR Fun-Fest and EEO Multicultural Day into the Visitor Notification System (VNS).

Additionally, associates should consider having eligible family members obtain a Morale Welfare Recreation (MWR) badge to assist with security screening. To schedule an appointment to obtain a MWR badge, visit the DSCC Intranet page and click on Pass & ID Appointment Scheduler under "DSCC Links."

Former Newark Air Force Base associate honored

To honor Wally Horton, the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority will name its new speculative office and clean room building "The Horton Building."

Horton, 93, was part of a team in the late 1950s and early 1960s that founded the operation later known as Newark Air Force Base. He retired in 1973, but 20 years later he came out of retirement to lead efforts to transform the closed Newark Air Force Base into what would become the present Port Authority.

The current Port Authority executive director, Rick Platt, stated that it is a fitting tribute to the Port Authority's first executive director and a man who had an impact in the history of Newark Air Force Base.

POINT OF VIEW

Collaboration leads to valuable personal, professional benefits

By Robert L. Boggs
DSCC Human Performance
Division

“A collaborator is a friend with similar interests - the basis for many great friendships. You might share a passion for sports, hobbies, religion, work, politics, food, music, movies or books... When you talk with a Collaborator, you're on familiar ground, and this can serve as the foundation for a lasting relationship.” - *Vital Friends, Tom Rath*



Robert L. Boggs

Collaboration is important for both personal and organizational success. From an organizational perspective, collaboration occurs when people from the same or different organizations produce something together through joint effort where ownership of the final product or service is shared. From a personal perspective, collaboration increases our influence, which benefits each of us and our organization.

We know that our customers have come to expect that we solve complex, cross-cutting issues that must be addressed across organizational and agency boundaries. To solve these complex issues, we must understand that collaboration begins through the establishment of relationships. Relationships must first exist before we can even begin to collaborate effectively.

According to Frances Hesselbein, “We are just at

the beginning of an era of essential partnerships, alliances and coalitions. We are learning to build community beyond the walls of the organization, with the same kind of initiative and energy we have used in building the organization within the walls.”

Working across boundaries can be challenging, but to meet the challenges of the future we have to purposefully cross those boundaries. The benefits of collaboration are too numerous to ignore. Benefits such as cost savings, new learning, resource sharing and value creation are just a few of the advantages we gain from collaborative efforts.

We build relationships one person at a time. Without relationships there can be no collaboration. That is why we need to take advantage of and attend conferences, meetings, social and other events that allow us to meet those who can help us obtain our personal and organizational

goals. It may very well be that you don't yet know the people who will help you achieve your goals.

Tom Rath recommends the following action plan for collaboration in work and in life:

- Attend events that interest you;
- Volunteer for a club or organization with a mission or purpose you strongly believe in;
- Make time to share stories and reminisce;
- Surprise your friends with things that you know would interest them;
- Create traditions based on shared interests;
- Invite those with similar interest to join you; and,
- Schedule a regular day to eat lunch or dinner together

There are other ways to build relationships that can turn into collaborative efforts. Always be on the lookout for relationship building opportunities. Observe and learn from those who are successful at collaboration. Spend more

time looking into the faces of others and less time looking at the computer screen. Intentionally invest time in relationship building and do so generously.

We can learn a great deal about relationships and collaboration from unusual sources. I've learned as much from bad examples as good examples. As much as I like music, I believe Simon and Garfunkel got the following lyrics wrong:

“I've built walls, a fortress deep and mighty, that none may penetrate. I have no need of friendship; friendship causes pain. It's laughter and it's loving I disdain. I am a rock, I am an island.”

Their lyrics are not a formula for success. We can't afford to be rocks or islands. We have to build relationships and form friendships. We have to bring our unique self into every relationship. Everyone must be valued and nurtured. If we do these things, meaningful collaboration will follow.

IT'S A DATE

June 2010

June 24 - DSCC Multicultural Unity Day and Family Fun Fest, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 2010

July 2 - American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
July 4 - Independence Day

July 5 - Independence Day Observance

July 16 - Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

July 26 - Parents Day

July 30 - American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

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Regina Zaglanis, DFAS

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DSCC celebrates Army's 235 years of preserving freedom

By Tony D'Elia
DSCC Public Affairs Office

When the Continental Congress in 1775 authorized the enlistment of riflemen to serve the colonies for one year, the U.S. Army was born. Now 235 years old, the Army predates the United States Constitution.

"Over the years, over 50 million have raised their right hands, swore the oath and have served their country," said Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson, Commanding General, Defense Supply Center Columbus, at the Army birthday ceremony held June 14 in the DSCC Building 20 auditorium.

"There's been a lot of talk about the 'Greatest Generation,' but today this is an all volunteer force and this is a truly great generation," Richardson said to a crowd of about 200 associates.

The day began with Army Col. Ryan Kivett, director of Land Supplier Operations, reading the official Army Birthday Letter from the Secretary of the Army, John M. McHugh, the United States Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and the Sergeant Major of the Army, Kenneth O. Preston. It reads in part:

"The Army's contribution to our Nation ... to our global community ... reach far beyond the battlefield. Our Soldiers and Army civilians have played cen-

tral roles in ground-breaking efforts to fight diseases, build infrastructure at home and abroad, organize disaster relief and humanitarian assistance, and develop new technologies - all while still securing the liberties and freedoms we cherish so dearly."

Guest speaker Army Lt. Col. Matthew R. Carran, commanding officer of the Columbus Recruiting Battalion, explained that the services need 70,000 to 75,000 recruits a year.

"The Army is doing very well but there are still challenges," he said of recruiting efforts. He said that less than three out of 10 prospects between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible to join the Army because of a variety of circumstances including education, aptitude test results, police records and even obesity.

"We are in a counterinsurgency war and to fight a counterinsurgency war you need smart, mature and well educated people," said Carran, who urged veterans to "tell their Army story" and to encourage youngsters to finish high school.

The ceremony featured two music videos performed by Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Buckley, who is assigned to the Army Recruiting Command Headquarters in Fort Knox, Ky. Written by Buckley, "We Go Together" and "I'd Do it Again" are country-western music tributes to those who served in the



(DSCC photos by Brian Settlege)

DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson cuts the Army birthday cake with 18-year-old Army Specialist Jan Verceka, a recent Reynoldsburg High School graduate who represented the youngest soldier at the ceremony.

war zone. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, Buckley, 40, served three years in the Army, including a combat tour in Iraq.

Following the Army tradition, Richardson, representing the Army's senior member present, cut the Army birthday cake with 18-year-old Army Specialist Jan Verceka, a recent Reynoldsburg High School graduate who represented the youngest soldier at the ceremony. Verceka recently completed basic training and is headed for advanced individual training.

Singing the national anthem was DSCC associate Annette Peaks.



Army Lt. Col. Matthew R. Carran, commanding officer of the Columbus Recruiting Battalion, was the guest speaker for the DSCC celebration of the Army's 235th birthday. He said less than three out of 10 prospects between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible to join the Army due to a variety of circumstances.

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cant contributions to DSCC and, more importantly, to the warfighter," Richardson said.

During the ceremony, each inductee was recognized individually and presented a plaque and a medal. Each inductee was allowed time to speak about their career highlights and thank those who helped them in their career.

Bradway recognized her trainers and teachers, leaders, formal and informal mentors, critics and successors. "I am truly humbled to be honored by the DSCC team, the most talented and dedicated logisticians. It's the capstone of my career," she said.

"Let me thank you all for this

magnificent day, for the wonderful memories of my career and for the opportunity to celebrate with the most extraordinary people I have ever known," she said.

Corelis said that he was humbled and honored in being inducted. Besides having fun in his career, he gave another reason for going above and beyond. "The reason we did it was to do a better job in supporting the warfighter," he said.

As former Defense Construction Supply Center public affairs officer, Flewellen spoke about some of his most memorable career highlights and threw in advice to those listening.

"There are always bad days in your career. There [are] good days as well, but I hope through all of that you maintain your integrity and you do not give into those bad things. But leave a legacy that someone [can] follow," he said.

Skocik said she was excited to be back at DSCC and to be a part of the sixth induction class.

"I'm very proud and humble to be in the company of my three other class of 2010 members," she said. "I'm very proud and humble to be a part of this organization's history. It's been a wonderful journey."

The ceremony included a slide show that featured pictures of the

previous 28 inductees and a presentation of career highlights of the 2010 inductees. The national anthem was performed by Ray Blakely of Maritime Supplier Operations, and the invocation was given by Hattie Millender of Land Supplier Operations. The Columbus Recruiting Company provided the color guard.

Following the ceremony, inductees were greeted by current and former associates during a reception in the Building 20 cafeteria.

The Hall of Fame display is located in the west entrance of the auditorium hall in the DSCC Operations Center.



(DSCC photo by Brian Settlege)

John Hofmann (right), an electronics engineer in the DSCC Product Test Lab, receives the Associate of the Month certificate for March from DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson. Hofmann was recognized for his superior customer service in the environmental testing lab.

Electronics engineer recognized for efforts in DSCC test center

By Dan Bender
DSCC Public Affairs Office

An electronics engineer in the Defense Supply Center Columbus Product Test Center who conducts military specification testing on spare parts has been selected as Associate of the Month for March.

John Hofmann works in the environmental testing area as a member of the passive and electro-mechanical testing team. In that capacity, he performs tests in areas such as vibration, humidity, shock and altitude.

"We simulate the conditions the items will see in real life, but in an accelerated condition," he said.

Hofmann, who has worked for the Defense Logistics Agency for 22 years, said he enjoys the variety of his job responsibilities.

"I really enjoy being able to help out the military services and working directly with them," he said.

A recent priority for him has been the testing of M2 gun parts in the lab's new salt spray chamber, along with First Article and qualification testing of other

parts.

"It's not mundane stuff," he said of his job.

Product Test Center director Keith Robinette said Hofmann was instrumental in upgrading the environmental testing area by overseeing the purchase and installation of new equipment "that provides increased capability and long-term cost savings to the government."

Hofmann was also recognized for his superior work performance, his teamwork with other associates and his superior customer service.

"He interfaces with the customer to determine their requirements, recommends a test process, invites them to witness the testing and be involved, and provides them with a clear, concise, professional test report upon completion that they can use to resolve their complaint," Robinette said. "The superior service he provides is obvious by the amount of repeat customers."

Hofmann, an Erie, Pa., native, served in the Air Force for eight years and another 12 in the Air Force

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(Photo courtesy of Donald Smith)

DSCC attorney honored for wetland development effort

Donald Smith, a Defense Supply Center Columbus attorney, was recognized during a May 8 dedication ceremony for a newly completed 2,766-acre wetland and prairie complex at the 5,722-acre Big Island Wildlife Area just west of Marion, Ohio. The project was accomplished through a 1999 partnership between the Ohio Department of Natural Resource - Division of Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest private, nonprofit wetlands conservation organization, and other agencies. In 1999, Smith was the Ducks Unlimited state chairman for Ohio at the beginning of the project and spoke at a kick-off ceremony. He served in that volunteer capacity through 2001. During that time, he represented 16,000 Ducks Unlimited members in Ohio and oversaw the fund-raising efforts of about 85 local committees across Ohio, which raised roughly \$1,000,000 per year for wetlands conservation. In fiscal 2009, Ducks Unlimited raised more than \$200 million for habitat conservation and conserved nearly 197,000 acres across the United States alone. Smith said that being honored at the project's completion and having his name appear on the bronze dedication plaque is particularly special and gratifying. He hopes his grandchildren, who attended the dedication ceremony, will someday be able to take his great-great grandchildren to the site.

Maritime associates make emergency buy to support vice president's helicopter

By Brian Silverman
DSCC Maritime Public Affairs Liaison

Two Defense Supply Center Columbus associates recently worked to successfully complete an emergency buy of an important part for Marine Two, the helicopter used by the vice president of the United States.

Buyer Connie Giggi and product specialist Larry Gladman, both in Maritime Supplier Operations, worked in mid-May to obtain a rigid connecting link, a low-profile part with high-profile responsibilities that include keeping the UH-1N Bell helicopter "Iroquois" model known as Marine Two "mission capable" for use by Vice President Joe Biden and his staff for short-range air transportation.

The rigid connecting link serves a critical role - so much so that the Navy classifies it as a "Critical Safety Item (CSI)," Gladman said.

As many as seven of the item were requested in April by personnel in San Joaquin, Calif., a fact that played an integral role in the successful resolution of the emergency situation in May.

"At that time, I reviewed the tech/quali-

ty information and successfully verified the approved sources," Gladman said.

With the earlier demand on the item, Gladman was able to determine the manufacturers who could be waived from the First Article Testing requirement.

"When the emergency request came in, the material only required a quick review before processing," Gladman said. "This is not always the case with CSI items. Occasionally, extensive updating is required, with input from the Engineering Support Agency (ESA) prior to releasing."

If the ESA requests it, extensive updating, revalidation of sources and First Article Test information may need to be initially established or even overhauled for specific material, Gladman explained.

"Fortunately, that was not the case for this item, and DLA was able to move ahead without any delays," Gladman said.

A vendor based in Jackson Center, Ohio, won the award to provide the item. According to Gladman's supervisor, Richard Furchner, the vital item was shipped 14 days after the PR was originally established - swift by most acquisi-

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Married DSCC associates serve as each other's 'battle buddy' in Iraq

For most deployers who head overseas, separation from family members is one of the toughest parts of the deployment.

But for Defense Supply Center Columbus associates Steve and Brenda Requarth, both are in the middle of a deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, serving the warfighter together.

Brenda Requarth said this is the first time she and her husband have deployed even remotely close together.

"Working together in a war zone is not bad at all and we have a built in 'battle buddy,'" she said. "Usually it's a 'hello-goodbye' or an e-mail or phone call because one is leaving before the other one gets home."

Despite being at the same location, the Requarths aren't always in the office together.

"We each have our own customers that keep us gainfully employed," Brenda said. "When we are in the office together, it affords us the opportunity to discuss supply related issues and determine best possible solutions by bouncing ideas off of each other."

The Defense Logistics Agency office at Balad is located in the brigade headquarters building for the 402nd AFSB (Army Field Support Brigade).

Steven Requarth, who has been with DLA for five years and is a universal customer account specialist in the Land directorate, works as a DLA warfighter support



(Photo courtesy of Brenda Requarth)

DSCC associates Brenda and Steve Requarth are pictured at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, where they are currently serving together on separate deployments.

representative for the 402nd Brigade staff and attends the daily command briefings and acts as the liaison between DLA and the 402nd for all DLA-related issues that may arise that are theater focused. With the current forces drawdown focus, he also has a role in expediting requirements for STPE-I (Stored Theatre Provided Equipment-Iraq) and USETTI (United States Equipment Transfer to Iraq) programs.

Brenda Requarth, who has been with DLA for more than 27 years and is a business process analyst in the BA directorate, is the WSR for the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and provides DLA support, training and information

to all of the maintenance units on Balad. She also reviews and expedites requirements on six primary reports containing all of the parts on order for non-operational vehicles and force protection equipment.

"Having a vehicle in the shop means not having one in the fight or performing the current mission at hand," she said. "Therefore, the primary focus of the maintenance WSR is getting the parts in as soon as possible so that it will enable the maintenance units to get that equipment fully mission capa-

ble."

One of the joys in serving an overseas deployment is the daily interaction with the dedicated men and women of the military who are focused on completing their mission safely and going home to their families, Brenda Requarth said.

"An even greater joy is seeing those same men and women of the units that we support return from a mission outside the wire with everyone safe," she said. "The days are long, but the rewards are endless."

Both Requarths retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve after 24 years of service (active duty and Reserve) and each has deployed six times with DLA.

Brenda Requarth said Balad is a great base, with many amenities such as fast food restaurants, stores and swimming pools.

"But let's not forget the often times multi-daily reminders that we are in a war zone and the reason for the base nickname of 'Mortartaville,'" she said, adding that the current temperatures range from 110 to 120 during the day and "cools off" to 75-90 at night.

When not deployed to some far off location, the Requarths live in Pickerington. They have a blended family with five grown children and two grandchildren.

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Reserve before retiring in 1996. He started his federal civilian career in 1988 at Defense Electronics Supply Center in Kettering, Ohio. He has been carpooling from the Dayton area to DSCC since 1996, when DESC merged with Defense Construction Supply Center to form DSCC.

He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a theology degree from Tennessee Temple Bible College.

He and his wife, Marcia, have four grown sons, one of whom is serving in the Air Force. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hiking and traveling.

Claims

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and a VA medical examination.

VA provides compensation, pension, education, loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation, employment, and insurance benefits to veterans and their families through 57 VA regional offices.

Disability compensation is a tax-free benefit paid to a veteran for disabilities that are a result of - or made worse by -

injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training. Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older.

For additional information, go to www.va.gov or call VA's toll free benefits number at 800-827-1000.

Helicopter

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tion standards.

UH-1 Bell helicopters served as the primary helicopter transport for the president and vice president in the 1970s. Since that time, the UH-1 has been replaced with variants of the Sikorsky Aviation Blackhawk heli-

copter for the president and his staff.

The UH-1N remains in use for the vice president as his office's primary source of helicopter transportation. The fleet is based at the Marine Corps Air Facility in Quantico, Va.

Mechanical test lab makes case to expand customer base

The Defense Supply Center Columbus Product Test Center's mechanical test lab is striving to increase its customer base by showing it can provide certain testing capabilities cheaper and more quickly than a private contractor.

At the direction of the DSCC Command Office, the mechanical test lab recently conducted a business case analysis of testing projects for a particular group of items sent to a private contractor to determine whether the lab could perform the testing for customers.

The customers, primarily the military services, often times mandate the testing be done by a private contractor because of the contractor's specialized test capability or the customer's authority to mandate other than a DLA Product Testing Center to perform Government First Article Testing and Production Lot Testing.

Mechanical test lab director Steve Finney explained that the intent of the study was to determine if any of the items currently being tested by the private sector could be tested by the PTC, reducing costs and improving lead times for project completions.

"The customers don't



(DSCC photo by Brian Settlage)

The DSCC Product Test Center has a wide variety of testing capabilities. Its new Coordinate Measuring Machine is used for measuring dimensional tolerances of spare parts that DSCC purchases for use in weapon systems to make sure they meet military specifications.

always know about our testing capabilities, so we're trying to educate them about what we can do," Finney said.

Finney said about 50 percent of all testing sent to the private contractor in this particular case study was mandated by the customer.

Don Durbin, a mechanical engineer for the test lab, reviewed the list of 47 test items sent to the contractor and determined that the PTC has the capability to test 34 of the 47 items, at an average cost savings of \$1,034 and an average time savings of 64 days per project.

"These were straight up dimensional and material verification tests that we can do here very quickly in a cost effective manner," Finney said.

The next step involved communicating the potential cost savings and test time reduction with the customer to determine if the PTC could be added as a potential future testing source for the 34 listed items, Finney said.

He and Bob Barford of DSCC Business Process Support worked with key customer management offices to educate them on the testing capabilities of the four DLA test centers

and ask if the testing centers could be added as a potential testing source for the items reviewed. Finney said Air Force, Army and Navy customers stated they would consider the testing centers as an alternate testing location on a case-by-case basis.

The DLA Product Testing Centers will continue to identify items they have the capability to test and work with associates in the DLA supply chains and their military customers to consider the centers for their testing needs.

A big opportunity for that educational effort will be a "cross talk" meeting scheduled for July at which Paul Conrad, the Philadelphia Analytical Lab chief, will provide a presentation on the testing centers and how they can support the testing mission of DLA and the military services. In addition, representatives from the military customers have been invited to visit the mechanical and electronics labs located at DSCC for a hands-on demonstration of their testing capabilities.

Product Test Center director Keith Robinette is

looking forward to explaining the center's capabilities to customers.

"Thanks to Dave Edwards, Bob Barford and Chris Metz, the PTC will have the opportunity to tell our story to customers during the crosstalk meeting in July," Robinette said. "Participating in these types of interaction with customers will really help."

DSCC Deputy Commander James McClaugherty expressed his support for the test center's efforts.

"Your record of cost, schedule and performance grows more impressive in every comparison," he said.

"Our long-term goal is to educate our military customers on the testing capabilities and potential cost savings offered by the DLA Product Testing Centers, and to encourage the DLA supply chains to work with the appropriate customers to consider a DLA PTC as a potential testing source for future procurements," Finney said. "Hopefully, DLA and the military customer will benefit by a reduction in testing costs and lead time to get conforming material to the military customer, at the right price, on time."



(DSCC photo by Brian Settlage)

Sheaf recognized for 30 years of federal service

DSCC associate Todd T. Sheaf (center) was recently recognized by Maritime Supplier Operations director Navy Capt. Roland Wadge and deputy director Pat Shields for reaching 30 years of federal service. Sheaf began his career serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1973 to 1980. After his honorable discharge and a break in federal service to pursue a career in law enforcement in Florida, he returned to Ohio and began working at DSCC as a mail clerk. He later became a supply technician in the Technical Operations Division, where he worked most of his career. He was recently promoted to a general supply specialist and works in Maritime Supplier Operations as a resolution specialist.

Multicultural Unity Day stages to feature wide variety of entertainment with 18 acts

Submitted by the Multicultural Entertainment Committee

A number of spectacular multicultural performers will entertain the defense federal community during Multicultural Unity Day, scheduled for June 24 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Members of the 2010 Multicultural Entertainment Committee have been working during the last several months to provide the federal community with several entertainment options during the event.

Following is a list of performers who will appear on various stages:



Bella Musica Columbus

Heavenly Hosts and Young Spirits

(Stage II - 12:50-1:10 p.m.)

This is a fairly newly formed liturgical dance ministry made up of adult women and young girls using their talents for liturgical presentation.

Djun'Kendafala Dance Company

(Stage II - 1:15-1:35 p.m.)

The mission of the Djun Kendafala Dance Company is to promote social change, personal growth and traditional cultural awareness with people of all diversities through the preservation, education, presentation and representation of traditional folkloric dances of the African Diaspora. The group's goal through the art of performing is to integrate dance, music, history, geography and self-expression as a creative visual process that is educational to audiences of all ages.

SELAH

(Stage II - 1:40-2:25 p.m.)

Katina M. Jennings, a community volunteer and arts administrator, displayed a love for the arts, and



Heavenly Hosts and Young Spirits

dance in particular, at an early age. In 1989, she founded SELAH (aka Special Events League "AH"lelua) as an outreach ministry providing individuals the platform to pursue their dreams and goals in the performing arts.

Columbus State Gospel Vocal Ensemble (GVE)

(Stage II - 2:35-3 p.m.)

The Columbus State Gospel Vocal Ensemble (GVE), under the direction of Emma L. Easton, is dedicated to performing a high-energy musical presentation from modern gospel and African-American vocal/choral

traditions. They have appeared in numerous venues including the Ohio State House, the Civil Rights Commission, King Arts Complex, the Ohio Historical Society, and the prestigious Lincoln Theatre.

Exercise with Howard Jenkins

(Stage III - 11-11:20 a.m.)

Howard Jenkins, an engineer in the DSCC Operations Support directorate, is an avid runner and exercises regularly. He will provide a participative presentation on whole body easy and developmental stretching and leg dynamics. This event will assist anyone who is just beginning to exercise build and use stretching methods as a way to start building muscle tone, flexibility, stamina and confidence with



Howard Jenkins



Appalachian Story Telling by Dave Hollen



Hans Utter

virtually no risk of injury, by working within, at and just beyond their own personal limits. This presentation will teach certain techniques and methods to assure success.

Belly and hula dancing offered by MWR

(Stage III - 11:25-11:45 a.m.)

This stage event will provide instruction in belly and hula dancing in an appropriate manner and can be used in daily exercise routine.

Appalachian Story Telling by Stephen Hollen

(Stage III - 11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.)

In the finest tradition of American storytelling, you are invited to laugh, learn and enjoy the Appalachian wit and wisdom of award winning humorist, writer, poet and storyteller Stephen Hollen. Whether he's entertaining a group of small children or captivating adults, he'll slowly weave a folk tale born in the hills that embodies both wit and wisdom.

Douglas Blue Feather

(Stage III 12:25-12:55 p.m.)

Douglas Blue Feather, who is of Cherokee heritage, is an award-winning songwriter, recording artist and performer of contemporary Native American flute music. A four-time Native American Music

Award winner, known as a Nammy, Blue Feather has released nine CDs which have been featured on radio stations world wide.

Hans Utter - Sitarist Indian Classical Music

(Stage III 1-1:30 p.m.)

The heart of the Indian classical music tradition is the knowledge

passed down from generation to generation in the vessel of the gharana. Hans Utter has studied intensively in India for the past nine years in the tradition of the Imdad Khan gharana, passed down for seven generations, under the tutelage of Ustad Sujaat Khan, son of Ustad Viliyat Khan, the world renowned sitarist. He also holds a degree in sitar from the Benares Hindu University School of Music. The style taught by his guru, the gyaki ang, is based on the subtle nuances of vocal music and brings out the beauty inherent in the raga. He plays in a wide variety of styles, from the traditional khyal-based exposition of the raga, to the romantic sounds of thumri and gazal, and folk melodies known as dhuns. Hans has performed in the U.S., Canada, Europe and India.

3-D Dance Ministry

(Stage III - 1:40-1:50 p.m.)

This children and youth dance ministry is under the direction of Cassandra De La Rosa.

Salsa and Ballroom Demonstration by MWR

(Stage III - 1:55-2:20 p.m.)

Bill McLoughlin, chairman of the DSCC Culture Council, will be dancing with the Fred Astaire dance studio. Associates are invited to come and learn the basic move-



Douglas Blue Feather

ments to some classical dances.

DJ and Salsa Dancing sponsored by the Hispanic Employment Program

(Stage III - 2:25-3 p.m.)

Come and put the movements you learned from MWR to use and finish out your MCD/Fun Fest day with dancing to the music provided by the DJ.

Harmony

(Red Pavilion - 12-12:45 p.m.)

Harmony is an exceptional six-piece group featuring Kayleigh and Kristin Demlow. Harmony delivers top notch entertainment with fantastic vocals, both female and male. Harmony performs a wide variety of musical styles from oldies to current hits. The Harmony band is super versatile and filled with a very talented lineup. Lead vocalist/keyboard player Jed Demlow has traveled the United States, honing his crowd pleasing entertainment skills at most every major dueling piano club in the country.

MojoFlo

(Red Pavilion - 1-1:45 p.m.)

MojoFlo was formed in the winter of 2008 and has rapidly built a name for and developed a unique sound. MojoFlo has played with groups such as Trombone Shorty, The Dynamites featuring Charles Walker, Eli Paper Boy Reid and

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Harmony



(Photo courtesy of Brandon Heitsch)

Brandon Heitsch (far right) stands with members of the Afghan National Army and Matt Cooper (left), a DFAS Columbus accountant in Kabul, Afghanistan. Heitsch, who has been in Afghanistan since January as a part of the Expeditionary Support Organization, has seen first-hand the appreciation for DFAS employees being in theater to support their missions. Heitsch has also been fortunate to take counterinsurgency training in which he was given an extensive background on Afghanistan.

DFAS accountant views work in Afghanistan a privilege, worthwhile

By Tom Casasanta
DFAS Corporate Communications

Since his tour of duty began in January, Brandon Heitsch, an accountant in Accounts Payable Acquisitions at Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus, has seen his duties in the Expeditionary Support Organization as an opportunity that has truly been worthwhile. "Our customers, the officers and enlisted on the battlefield, are very appreciative of our contributions in theater. We are here to help bring them one step closer to completing their objectives and their mission overseas," said Heitsch, who is also a part of the Leaders in Motion program at DFAS Columbus.

ESO is a program sponsored by DFAS that gives employees the opportunity to do a tour of duty overseas and support the warfighter in theater.

Currently, Heitsch is stationed at the New Kabul Compound (NKC) in Afghanistan. He is serving as the internal control administrator of the Manager's Internal Control Program for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan. His duties include establishing a training program for the assessable units, reviewing any organizational deficiencies, and consolidating all of the data collected and writing the organization's Statement of Assurance (SOA) for his commander, Maj. Gen. Timothy McHale. Heitsch then forwards the SOA to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and fields any questions that may arise.

When the time permits, he also serves as a managerial accountant by re-visiting requirements to return fiscal 2009 dollars and fixing problems that create negative

unliquidated obligations. His duties as a managerial accountant include reviewing NULOs to ensure that disbursements and obligations are made correctly and, reviewing unliquidated obligations to determine whether requirements are still valid and to return funding when they are not.

According to Heitsch, there are many differences in supporting the warfighter from his desk compared to being in theater. "The most notable difference is working on the soldier's work schedule, which is significantly more intense than working CONUS," Heitsch said. "They are on duty seven days a week, 10 to 11 hours a day. To complete our mission with the resources in theater, these hours are necessary."

Being able to support the warfighter in theater is one of the many positive experiences of being in the ESO. Answering questions in-person and taking the time to spend long periods with the warfighter shows them that DFAS supports and is proud of everything that they do, Heitsch said.

"Having a physical presence in theater shows the warfighter that we are willing to support them 100 percent. We can answer questions and, in the instances where we do not have the answers, we can reach back to our wealth of DFAS assets at home to provide assistance," he stated.

While in Kabul, Heitsch and others have had a change in focus in some areas, and one of those changes has been in counterinsurgency (COIN). Heitsch attended counterinsurgency training at Camp Julien, a former Canadian base that has been transitioned into a training center.

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Firefighter selected DES-C Associate of the Month

By Tony D'Elia
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Firefighter Brent Moreland, a Dennison, Ohio, native, has been selected Associate of the Month for April for the Defense Logistics Agency Enterprise Support-Columbus organization.

Moreland, a federal firefighter for five years, with the last two and a half with DES-C, has been tasked with updating the center's Hazardous Material Program. As the Fire and Emergency Services' lead on hazardous materials, Moreland keeps the center abreast of the latest technology and techniques through research. He also works with and assists the center's emergency planning officer on the development of base-wide hazardous material response and training methods.

Meanwhile, he also oversees the fire department's supply program. After submitting requisition orders to the assistant fire chief, it's Moreland's responsibility to distribute and track the various supplies. Through his supply responsibilities, he has been directly responsible for saving DLA more than \$40,000 by obtaining equipment through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

Moreland is currently working on his fire officer designation through the Commission on the Professional Credentialing, but in his spare time, he volunteers at his local community's fire department responding and assisting when needed. He also shares his knowledge of safety with children in local schools.

A Navy Reservist since 2005, Moreland spent 10 years on active duty in the Navy.



(DSCC photo by Brian Settlege)

Firefighter Brent Moreland (right) receives the DLA Enterprise Support-Columbus Associate of the Month award for April from DES-C site director Kenny Youn.



(U.S. Navy file photo)

The USS Nimitz (CVN 68) steams along as the American flag waves proudly in the wind. Three employees from the DLA Puget Sound detachment recently traveled to San Diego to provide support for emergency repairs to the Nimitz.

DSCC shipyard detachment provides on-site support to carrier USS Nimitz

As an integral partner of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, it's not uncommon for Defense Logistics Agency Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (DLA Puget Sound) to support its customer's remote maintenance requirements.

DLA Puget Sound employees routinely "deploy" in support of emergent customer workload in California, Guam and Japan. Recently, DLA Puget Sound was requested to provide

on-site support in San Diego for unplanned repairs to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Employees Todd Butler, Pauline Meyers and Lois Kamla quickly volunteered for the assignment and relocated to Naval Air Station North Island within 72 hours.

Meyers performed supply coordinator and expediting tasks while Butler executed small purchase requirements. Kamla took care of material receiving and warehousing for the project. Working alongside the project managers, the DLA

team was able to place and expedite orders and provide critical tracking information. The project managers could then pass this information to production staffers managing timelines and assigning specific work tasks. Teamwork and good communication are key to mission success on these types of projects as most material requirements are needed the same day or next.

Asked what he had learned from his forward deployed experience, Butler

Philly detachment employees 'challenge' each other to succeed

The Maritime Supply Chain at the Defense Supply Center Columbus' Land and Maritime Detachment at Defense Supply Center Philadelphia was the winner of this year's "Spring Challenge" event.

In what has become an annual tradition, the two supply chains at the Philadelphia detachment engaged in a month-long competition aimed at boosting production and employee morale. This year's challenge ended in mid-April.

For the production

aspect of the challenge, the Land and Maritime teams each had a list of their top 1,000 part requisitions according to the PR weighting scheme. The final result was 1,229 of these highly weighted PRs were either awarded or cancelled, or roughly 62 percent.

The cultural activity side of the challenge gave points for the categories of Team Building, Recognition, Communication, Training, and Process Improvement. From this part of the challenge, the

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(DSCP photo)

Mike Tarkett, a division chief in DSCC's Land and Maritime detachment at Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, hoists the trophy the Maritime supply chain won for winning this year's "Spring Challenge."

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Local soldier receives coveted Army Reserve scholarship

By Army Master Sgt. Dave Johnson
412th Civil Affairs Battalion, Whitehall, Ohio

Army Pfc. Caitlin Sparks attended the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion's annual Military Ball March 13 in Worthington, Ohio. Unbeknownst to her, she would be called to the podium as a guest speaker, alongside celebrity Jack Tilley, Sergeant Major of the Army (Ret.).

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. David Volkman and acting Command Sgt. Maj. Denver Stone called the surprised Sparks to the podium to announce she had received an Army Reserve Association scholarship for \$500.

Several 412th first sergeants collaborated and nominated the civil affairs specialist. Only 50 soldiers per year receive the coveted ARA scholarship.

"She is a very deserving soldier," Stone said. "She is motivated, high speed and personifies the civil affairs paratrooper."

Sparks, who attends Wright State University in Dayton, will use the scholarship to pursue her bachelor's degree in international affairs.

However, that was not her original academic choice.

"I changed my major from nursing to international affairs after I returned from my Army training,"



(Photo by James Henthorn)

Acting Command Sgt. Maj. Denver Stone (left) shakes hands with scholarship recipient Army Pfc. Caitlin Sparks at the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion Military Ball.

Sparks said.

Sparks attended the civil affairs course at Fort Bragg, N.C., then jump school at Fort Benning, Ga. After graduating and becoming an airborne paratrooper, Sparks chose the new college major because of her Army training.

"I've learned better ways to interact with people, from different walks of life," Sparks said. "I now see what an effect civil

affairs has on all kinds of situations."

Changing majors is common for many college students. However, this change is not on a whim, but based on actual, hands-on Army training that gave her a solid foundation.

"The Army opened her eyes to new horizons and life in other countries," said Army Pfc. Leslie Griffith, a civil affairs specialist

in D Company, 412th. "Sparks was interested and intrigued by civil affairs, and her Army training contributed to changing her academic focus."

Another constant foundation in her life is her family, many of whom have served in the armed forces.

"Her dad is a warrant officer, and her family is very supportive of her ambitions," said Army Pfc. Ryan Burke, also a civil affairs specialist in D Company. "She will be successful in school and in civil affairs."

Sparks applied serious effort to academics, starting at Highland High School in Sparta, Ohio. She participated in Post Secondary Education Opportunity through Marion Technical College and was a member of Future Farmers of America, as well as secretary for

Student Council. She also was a member of the track and volleyball teams.

With the scholarship money added to her Army Reserve educational benefits,

Sparks is applying herself toward her academic subject in international affairs. The Army Reserve will give her the opportunity to apply real-world experience in civil affairs.

Aberdeen detachment works as a team to award 1st contract

A cost-cutting buy on adapter connectors used in a radio system was the very first contract awarded by the new DLA Aberdeen detachment of Defense Supply Center Columbus.

The historic first award was made May 17 when a total of 596 adapter connectors were bought. The adapters, used in the single channel ground and airborne radio system (SINC-GARS), were urgently needed to support Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The DLA Aberdeen associates were benefactors of training on the Army contract writing system and the policies and procedures for doing contracting the Army way. With this background, they worked as a team with everyone contributing their talents and



Members of the DLA Aberdeen team that made the detachment's first contract award are (from left) Cheri Cover, Jenny Hall, Maureen Keating, Doug Nevins, Paulette Poole and Mimi Kirkland.

experience to accomplish the historic contract award.

"This really isn't one single team," said Steve Bianco, detachment deputy director. "Everyone in our organization contributed to getting to this point of our first contract award."

The task of negotiating the contract went to Paulette Poole, one of DLA

Aberdeen's contract specialists, as she and the rest of the DLA Aberdeen team launched this new organization as a functional contracting activity. A 26 percent price reduction as well as a 25 percent reduction in lead time was achieved.

At the heart of the contracting effort was building the customer relationship.

The DLA Aberdeen team worked closely with its customer to develop an urgency statement and to obtain funding for the requirement. Additionally, the Army's systems experts coordinated with DLA Aberdeen to ensure that the Army system married up the funding with the procurement request,

allowing the award to generate.

Working hand-in-hand with the CECOM community, DLA was able to effectively obtain all required documentation necessary to award the urgent requirement in a mere 11 days.

While DLA Aberdeen was in training, the DLA Warren team supported the CECOM Logistics and Readiness Center (LRC) community. Warren took on many high-priority projects and issued several awards in the interim. Eventually all support to the CECOM LRC will transition to DLA Aberdeen as it continues to ramp up the organization to its fully functional strength of 31 associates. Team DLA Aberdeen is one-third of the way there.

Portsmouth

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received a "Command Ashore" pin placed on his uniform by his wife.

Also during the ceremony, DSCC Deputy Commander James McClaugherty presented a cornerstone brick to DLA Portsmouth Deputy Commander Donna Shephard symbolizing that DLA Portsmouth is now part of the growing DLA and DSCC family. The cornerstone is a granite brick from the DSCC Operations Center in Columbus.

Speaking at the ceremony were Richardson, Navy Capt. Dan Allen, Executive Officer, Fleet Industrial Supply Center Norfolk, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Commander Navy Capt. L. Bryant Fuller III and Moore.

In his comments to the DLA Portsmouth workforce, Richardson said, "This is our fourth shipyard and ninth overall BRAC or Wynne site we've taken in to the DLA family. So we're not strangers to the process of change and how to get this done and make sure all the associates in this transition are taken care of at the same time.

"Welcome to the DLA family and the DLA Land and Maritime team at Columbus. We've always called ourselves the Defense Supply Center Columbus, but the reality is we've changed. We are more Land and Maritime than we are Columbus. With the BRAC and Wynne transfers, a third of our workforce is now outside of the gates of Columbus, Ohio. So we're changing like you have, probably more," he stated.

"We turn a new page today at this shipyard in shaping the Navy and DLA partnership for the future. This is not going to happen overnight, it's going to take a couple years to get down to the final path we want to be at but we're already on that path and making plans," Richardson said.

"Your reputation and professional record of innovation speaks volumes about your integrity, proven excellence and production. I dare to say that DLA Land and Maritime may be get-



(Portsmouth Naval Shipyard photo by James Cleveland)

DSCC Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson passes the DLA flag to Navy Lt. Cmdr. Pat Moore, the new commander of DLA Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as (from left rear) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Commander Navy Capt. L. Bryant Fuller III, DSCC Executive Officer Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Murphy and FISC Norfolk Executive Officer Navy Capt. Dan Allen observe the proceedings.

ting the best end of the deal from this transition," the DSCC commander stated.

"Dealing with change over the years I have a special saying, 'Things change but nothing changes.' And it falls true with this transition. In all respects this transition will be seamless; you'll stay in place, accomplish the same jobs and, more importantly, deal and work with the same Navy personnel you've always been working with every day. You'll be performing the same mission you've always been performing with the same consistent synergy you've been enjoying with your Navy counterparts.

"We at DLA and the Navy leaders here at Portsmouth are committed to overcoming any challenges we face, with common agreement and understanding concerning the SS&D workload. It's that synergy that

will make the transition successful. It's that synergy that will make this transition work," Richardson said.

Speaking for the FISC Norfolk command, Allen commented, "I'm delighted to be here today to write another chapter in the storied history of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Employees of FISC Norfolk Portsmouth Annex, you have accomplished your mission well, you have exemplified service, service to the shipyard and service to FISC Norfolk, service to our submarine forces, service to our sailors, our Navy and our nation. Thank you for a job well done. General, you're gaining one tremendous team here."

Fuller, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard commander, said, "The challenges of managing our financial and logistical data, along with the mechanics of conduct-

ing business of supply, are extremely important and critical for us at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, not just for the supply community but for our warfighters as well.

"Repeatedly, history has shown that the efficiency of our nation's supply lines is critical for shipyards in meeting scheduled deadlines. It is absolutely paramount that we properly document the process of spare parts supplies and materiel that our workforce and the Navy needs from the supplier to the end-user with maximum efficiency. We have an obligation to the fleet to meet those demands," Fuller said.

"The Defense Logistics

Agency's primary role is to provide supplies and services to America's military forces worldwide. This is a breaking mission and the shipyard's effectiveness relies on this supply chain.

"Now with all four shipyards aligned in such a way that each receive, store and distribute supplies our effectiveness and efficiency will improve. With these improvements, the benefactors of this process are the shipyard, the American people, and ultimately our ships and crews. This is a win-win for everyone and ultimately a success story," added Fuller.

Speaking for the first time as the DLA Portsmouth Commander, Moore said, "For us here in Portsmouth, this day has been a long time in the making beginning in August of last year. It's been many months of conference calls and site visits since then. Defense

Supply Center Columbus has been great throughout the process.

"Transition is nothing new to this supply organization. We've already transitioned from being a shipyard supply organization to a region supply department, to a division of FISC Norfolk and now to DLA. We hope this is the last," said Moore.

DLA Portsmouth's Supply Storage and Distribution (SS&D) mission is the last of four naval shipyards to join DLA and DSCC. It is the ninth DSCC detachment.

SS&D functions consolidate inventories that are positioned beside a military maintenance activity in order to support operations, maintenance and production. The benefits provide DLA and DSCC with better demand planning and decreased customer wait time. They also help to achieve economies and efficiencies for operational forces and reduce inventory, which saves money.

The catalyst for the transfer of SS&D support functions at Portsmouth were directed by former Under Secretary of Defense Michael Wynne to move to DLA management in the same manner as other naval shipyards were directed to do under the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations of 2005.

The shipyard is located on Seavey's Island in the Piscataqua River, which is the border between New Hampshire and Maine.

The shipyard's mission is the overhaul, repair and modernization of submarines. It has three dry docks and the capability of docking the Los Angeles and Virginia-class submarines.

The site has a rich and proud history, having launched its first ship, the USS Washington, in 1815. During World War I, it began building submarines and today continues to provide a substantial submarine overhaul, repair and maintenance mission.

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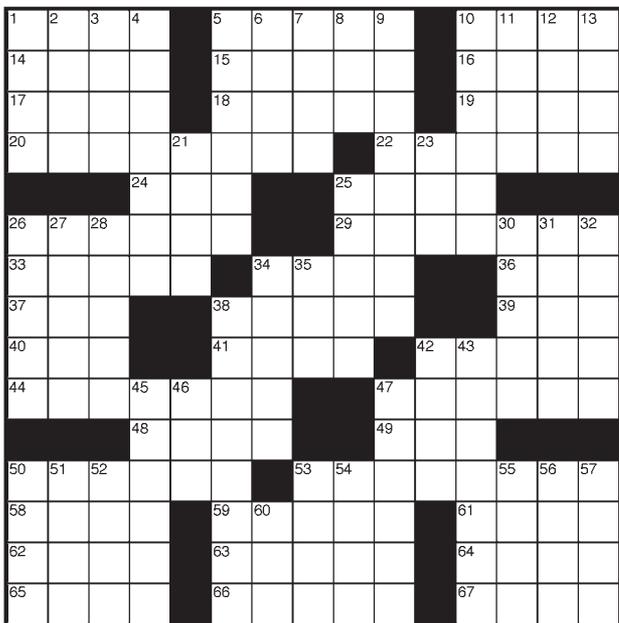
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: Z equals K

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Previous solution: "DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELVES TO DESPAIR. WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE, AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG." - POPE JOHN PAUL II

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SPORTS AND LEISURE

Volunteer at DSCC Fitness Center nominated for local award

By Diana J. Baker
MWR Management Assistant

Forrest "Corky" Kerns doesn't just like people, he cares about them. He doesn't just like to volunteer. He loves to volunteer - so much so that he has volunteered at many places and for many different people during the past 20 years.

The federal government knows him through his career in the Air Force as a fire chief. After he retired from the Air Force, he continued his duties as assistant fire chief for Defense Supply Center Columbus for 18 years. But Kerns wasn't done. Even though he has retired from civilian federal employment, he continues to volunteer at the DSCC Fitness Center.

In his other volunteer projects, Kerns has cooked meals, driven a van, dressed up in costume, and coordinated and provided ministry in hospitals, senior citizen facilities and nursing homes, and even prison. He's provided assistance to people in many different life situations: the homeless, troubled teens, senior citizens and inmates.

He volunteers with the Senior Citizens Golden Fellowship, which he helped establish, and is a youth sponsor and role model for young people in his church. He provides ministries to a nursing home, the Columbus Teen Challenge for Girls



Forrest "Corky" Kerns, who served as DSCC's assistant fire chief for 18 years and volunteers at the DSCC Fitness Center, was recently nominated for a local award for his numerous volunteer activities.

program, the Training Institute of Columbus (TICO is a juvenile detention facility) and is involved with the Outreach to Homeless program.

His volunteer efforts have not gone unnoticed in the local community. In March, he was invited by Angela Pace of WBNS-10TV, the Nationwide On Your Side Volunteer Network and ThisWeek Community Newspapers to a ceremony at the McCoy Center for the Arts in New Albany as a nominee for a 2010 Jefferson award. Winners of this award are recognized as persons having the highest ideals and achievements of public service. Kerns was one of the 20 finalists.

Unfortunately, he didn't win the award, but the Fitness Center and others in the DSCC community will always think of "Corky" as a winner.

GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Following are the standings after June 16 play of the DSCC Sportsmen's Golf League, which plays on Wednesday nights.

(Week nine of an 18-week schedule)

Team (Captain)

- Jordan's (Tom LeFever)
- Mother Load (Dan Bell)
- Plaid Ain't Bad (Chad Cantrell)
- Lightweights (Jim Homce)
- B.I.G. (Dan Krist)
- Smokin' Aces (Bob Trivett)

Points

- 351
- 346
- 324
- 320
- 292
- 282

Best League Performances

Last Round

- Low Scratch
- 37 J. Homce

Low Net

- 30 N. Bell

Season-To-Date

- 35 T. LeFever

- 30 A. Bless
- M. O'Meara
- N. Bell

SPORTS BRIEF

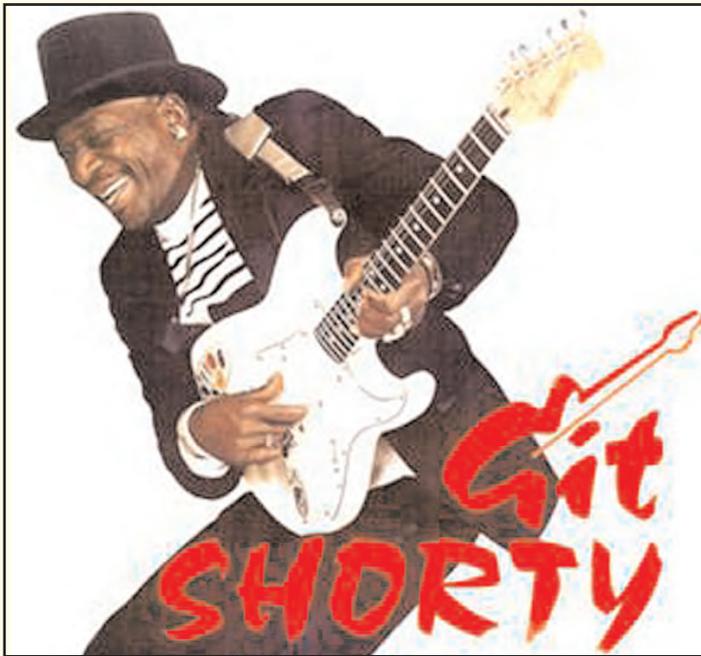
DES-C golf scramble set for June 25

All DES-C associates are invited to a June 25 golf scramble at the Eagle Eye Golf Course. Cost is \$30 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, driving range, prizes and a cookout (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). To register, call golf pro Jeff Bills at 614-692-2075.

Entertainment

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Ballyhoo. MojoFlo has big things in the works, including a new CD set to be released in June and national tour plans on the horizon. The group mixes hip-hop/funk backbeats with powerful vocal delivery and jazzy keyboards. Then throw in a tight bass and guitar, some soulful horns and a whole bunch of raw groove. MojoFlo members include lead vocalist Amber Knicole, George Barrie on guitar and vocals, Tim Magree on keyboard and vocals, Jake Levy on percussion and emcee, Walter Kolhoff on saxophone, Charles Scott on bass guitar and Kevin Bourassa on trumpet.



Git Shorty

**Git Shorty
(Red Pavilion - 2-2:45 p.m.)**

Git Shorty was born Elbert Ferguson in Roney, Ohio, in 1940. Shorty's first foray into professional music came in 1958 with Florida bluesman Big Joe Dynamo. Right from the start his reputation for guitar acrobatics began. Shorty has worked with George McCrae, who had the hit record "Rock Your Baby," and toured with the legendary James Brown. He is credited as the person that inspired the idea of Buddy Guy's stage persona and trick guitar playing. Shorty now resides in Zanesville, Ohio, playing the Ohio Valley and east coast regions and is planning on national and inter-



Djun'Kendafala Dance Company

national touring again when his upcoming CD is released. One of the things

Shorty is most proud of is that he never smoked, drank or used drugs.

New Fun Fest features include bingo, toddler creativity area, dunk tank

By Tony D'Elia
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Bingo is the newest addition to the Defense Supply Center Columbus Fun Fest slated for June 24 at the installation.

Prizes include a Nintendo Wii game system, Sony Cyber-shot Digital Camera, Apple Ipad Touch and various MWR gift certificates and gift cards.

Three sessions of bingo begin at 11:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Play is limited to those 18 years of age who are DSCC associates, tenant, contractors or MWR patrons. ID cards will be checked. Cost for bingo cards is \$8 per 10-pack of cards.

Other additions to the 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. event are a Toddler Creativity Center, six inflatable attractions, midway games, laser tag, four Wii stations, the Zero Gravity ride and the Extreme Air ride.

Guests are asked to use the 15 recycle stations throughout the area for recycling aluminum cans and bottles.

A dunk tank will also be set up, with all proceeds going to the USO. The schedule of volunteer "dunkers" is:

- 11:15-30 a.m., John Yinger, Public Safety Division Chief
- 11:40-55, Capt. Kevin Head, Maritime Customer Operations
- 12:05-20 p.m., Shawn McCracken, DFAS Chief of Staff
- 12:30-45, Pam Jastal, DHRC-DD Director
- 12:55-1:10, Col. Carl Bird, Land Customer Operations
- 1:20-35, James McClaugherty, DSCC Deputy Commander
- 1:45-2, Pam Franceschi, DFAS Deputy Director
- 2:10-30, BG Thomas Richardson, DSCC Commanding General

USS Nimitz

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replied, "I think that all DLA employees should have the opportunity to support a major project like this. Sometimes when you are sitting behind a desk, you can become a little detached from our

mission of supporting the warfighter. Being on the ground and seeing how every little decision we make impacts the entire project just reaffirms the great importance of each and every job we do."

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Accountant

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According to Heitsch, even though the training lasted only three days, the information that was presented was extensive.

"We were given a history of the country, language training, cultural training, and stories and scenarios to help us understand the complicated and dramatically different sects and tribes," he said.

Out of all of the learning Heitsch took in, he found language training to be most helpful and interesting. With more than 20 languages spoken in Afghanistan, Heitsch and others focused on the main two spoken in Kabul, which are pashto and dari. With only three days of the extensive training, Heitsch's experience was truly worthwhile.

"Several months after our COIN training, we were outside of Camp Eggers waiting for our up-armored transport back to NKC. We made the effort to speak dari with one of the Afghan guards, which eventually evolved into a conversation. After a few minutes of talking, he pointed at us calling us friends and brought his colleague over to serve us chai, a favorite tea in the country that is often shared with guests. It was a small gesture of friendship, but one that I will not forget," Heitsch said.

The need for qualified DFAS professionals to serve in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait continues to increase. Details on how to volunteer can be found on the ESO Web page or by contacting Dave Craddock at dave.craddock@dfas.mil, 317-510-1967 or DSN 699-1967.

Good cleaning can help avoid fire hazards

From DES-C Fire and Emergency Services

The birds are singing, the sun is shining and it's a little warmer out. Well that means summer is on its way and it's time for spring cleaning.

Someone might ask what spring cleaning has to do with fire hazards. A thorough spring cleaning can mean so much more than simply the good feeling that comes with maintaining the appearance of a home. If done properly, spring cleaning can also dramatically improve the safety of both home and family in the event of a fire. There are a few things that can be done that can help prevent fires:

- Start by cleaning up stacks of old newspapers. If there are too many to stack on your curb for recycling, take them to a recycling center or contact local civic groups to see if they'll be having a newspaper collection fundraiser soon;
- Get rid of all oily rags - shoe shine rags, furniture polishing cloths and those used in fuel spills;
- Avoid storing chemical cleaning materials under the sink. Maintain only the amounts needed and be sure to use, store and dispose of house-



(DSCC photo by Tony D'Elia)

Good spring cleaning can help homeowners get rid of potential fire hazards and avoid a visit by their local fire department.

hold hazardous materials in a safe manner as outlined on the product. Remember not to mix chemicals because they may cause a hazardous reaction. Opt for natural or nontoxic cleansers.

- Clear out the attic, closets and basement. Items such as old mattresses, boxes, linens and papers are fuel for fires. Donate items and dispose of junk in a safe manner;
- Maintain the yard. Trim bushes, plants and trees, and get rid of dead weeds. Make sure that any vegetation around the house is at least 10 feet away from the home or chim-

- ney;
- Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaves and other buildup;
- While thinking fire safety, test smoke alarms. Also, check fire extinguishers and review home escape plans; and,
- Decreasing amounts of rainfall can lead to dry spots in yards. Take precautions to avoid large areas of dried weeds and vegetation around the home. Dried weeds and vegetation can help a fire to spread rapidly.

For more information or assistance in fire prevention matters, contact the DSCC Fire Prevention Office at 614-692-5900.

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TV - 20" Sylvania flat screen LCD TV, \$150, never used, 614-507-6382.

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Dining Room - English country set includes rectangular table, eight padded wood frame chairs, buffet, hutch and server, \$1,500 OBO, 614-337-9851.

Dressers - Two wooden 5-drawer dressers, \$40 each; wooden coffee table, \$35, call 614-866-8837.

Entertainment Center - Two piece light Oak w/glass doors, adjustable shelves w/curio lights and 36" JVC D-Series color, \$100 OBO, 614-507-6382.

Tables - Brass and glass, one sofa table, one coffee table, two end tables, \$100, 614-882-4830.

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Challenge

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detachment combined to hold 20 team building events and create 12 new training aides.

Maritime took the prize this year, but the effort by both supply chains during the contest was outstanding and morale was greatly enhanced. "Most Valuable Players" were selected from each supply chain, as well as the Supplier Support Division.

Some form of the "Spring Challenge" has been going on for about four years now, but it has been called different names, such as "March Madness" and "Winter Olympics," depending on what was going on at the time the contest was held.