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New 'We Are DLA' initiative focuses on mission unity

By Beth Reece
DLA Strategic Communications

The Defense Logistics Agency launched a new initiative called "We Are DLA" July 19 in an effort to create a single-agency environment among customers and its global workforce.

The agency has field sites in 48

states and 28 countries to help customers get the supplies they need, said DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson, but their organizational names often reflect missions or locations without associating them to the larger DLA enterprise.

The We Are DLA initiative is expected to create a single-agency

environment that lets customers know exactly "who" DLA is and helps the agency build a greater sense of community among its global workforce.

The first step in emphasizing DLA's identity will be the renaming of field activities to clearly identify each as a part of DLA. The names will reflect each activity's affiliation

with DLA, as well as the commodity or service it provides to customers. The new names of primary-level field activities are:

- Defense Supply Center Columbus - DLA Land and Maritime;
- Defense Supply Center Philadelphia - DLA Troop Support;
- Defense Supply Center Rich-

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New Norfolk team tackles shipyard contracting issues

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A new contracting team has been set up at the Defense Logistics Agency detachment at Norfolk Naval Shipyard to purchase supplies for the shipyard and the Navy.

The new team, comprised of eight associates and led by Cindi Newcomb, began its mission June 20.

"Our team has a variety of commodities that we manage to ensure the various vessels undergoing maintenance and/or repair under the cognizance of the shipyard are done so they return to the active fleet on schedule," Newcomb said. "They don't work just one ship or one commodity; they work a variety."

For example, the team procures non-nuclear supplies not only for the various codes and shops of the shipyard but also for the vessels that the shipyard is



(DLA Norfolk photo)

Members of the DLA Norfolk Naval Shipyard Contracting Division are (seated) Cindi Newcomb; (middle row from left) Dee Dee Miller, Sandra Bishop and Carolyn Burns; and (back row from left) Marie Jones, Bonnie Parker, Ronda Jones and Michael Jackson. The new team manages a variety of commodities and purchases supplies for Norfolk Naval Shipyard and the Navy.

currently working on and future availabilities previous scheduled by NAVSEA for completion by the ship-

yard either on-site or off-site.

Currently, the team is involved in ordering

replacement propeller shaft sleeves, an important component of the internal propulsion system, for the

aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) for its upcoming maintenance availability, Newcomb said.

The team will also administer the IDIQ contract for the procurement and management of maritime coatings (paints, varnishes and dopes) in a Just In Time (JIT) environment for all four Naval shipyards from the Fleet Industrial Supply Center Norfolk, from which one of the DLA Norfolk detachment associates came.

Newcomb was part of a 15-member FISC Norfolk Strategic Sourcing Team and FISC NNSY Maritime Industrial Division that were recognized June 14 at the Pentagon with a 2009 Department of Navy Acquisition Excellence Award within the team category of "Team Innovation" for their work on the JIT Marine Coatings contract.

Natalie Alter of the DLA Land and Maritime Base

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NEWS BRIEFS

ITR Office selling Ohio State Fair tix

Discount tickets for the Ohio State Fair are on sale at the DLA Land and Maritime Morale, Welfare and Recreation ITR Office.

The fair runs July 29 through Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, except for Aug. 8 when gates close at 8 p.m.

Discount tickets for ages 5 and up are \$5, and all-day ride tickets are \$18, a \$4 savings. Parking is \$5.

Thanks to the Civilian Welfare Council, prices for adult tickets (ages 12-59) are half price at the ITR Office. The CWC is funded by income derived from Sodexo cafeterias, vending machines and sundry stores located throughout the installation.

For more information, call the ITR Office at 614-692-1111.

DSCC replacing seats in 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.

Ohio selling plates to thank veterans

Ohio residents can now say "thank you" to military veterans by purchasing a new specialty license plate.

Proceeds from the sale of the "Thank You U.S. Military" plate will support Ohio veterans, service members and their families.

In January 2009, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland signed into law Senate Bill 243, which authorized the sale of the plate in the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles. In December 2009, the "Thank You U.S. Military" plate made its debut and the first plate was sold.

More information is available at www.militarythankyouplate.com.

Medication co-pays increase for some vets

Effective July 1, veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities - referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 - will have an increase of \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications. This increase from \$8 to \$9 is the first change in the VA's medication copayment since Jan. 1, 2006.

Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 are not affected by the change. They will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day supply of medication for non-service-connected conditions unless otherwise exempt. These veterans will continue to have outpatient out-of-pocket medications capped at \$960 per calendar year.

Priority Group 1 is exempt from the medication copayment.

Veterans experiencing difficulty paying copayments for outpatient medication should discuss the matter with their local VA enrollment coordinator or contact the VA at 877-222-VETS (8387).



(DES-C photo by Brian Settlege)

MWR sponsors financial seminars

Valerie Snipes makes a point at the financial seminar on home buying held June 16 at DLA Land and Maritime and sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office. Nate Cooper of Columbus Metro Credit Union teamed with Larry Schottenstein and Angela Murphy of Revealty to answer any questions a home buyer might have. The second seminar in the financial management series entitled "Understanding Credit and Finances" was held June 28. Additional seminars on such topics as understanding credit reports, home selling and budgeting personal finances will be held throughout the summer in the second year of the series conducted by the MWR Relocation Assistance Program. For more information, call Lisa Pas-salacqua at 614-692-7220.

OBITUARIES

Ina Jean Riggins Bingham

Ina Jean Riggins Bingham, 78, of New Albany, Ohio, formerly of Gary, W.Va., died July 4 at the home of her daughter in Ann Arbor, Mich. Ms. Bingham retired as the secretary to the chief of systems at DESC.

Linda Lou Campbell

Linda Lou Campbell, 55, of Dayton, died June 28. Ms. Campbell was retired from DESC.

Anthony "Nino" J. Donato

Anthony "Nino" J. Donato, 74, died July 2 at his residence. Mr. Donato was a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired from the Department of Defense after more than 30 years of service.

Kenneth Melvin Fleming

Kenneth Melvin Fleming, 64, died

July 8 at Zusman House. Mr. Fleming worked for many years at DSCC driving the parking lot shuttle bus.

Emory J. Freeman Jr.

Emory J. Freeman Jr., 58, died July 9 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Mr. Freeman was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and retired from DSCC in 1997.

Mark Burton King

Mark Burton King, 59, died Dec. 16, 2009. Mr. King was employed at DCSC for many years.

Barbara Tigyer-Green

Barbara Tigyer-Green, 68, of Groveport, formerly of Gahanna, died July 4. Ms. Tigyer-Green was retired from DCSC.

POINT OF VIEW

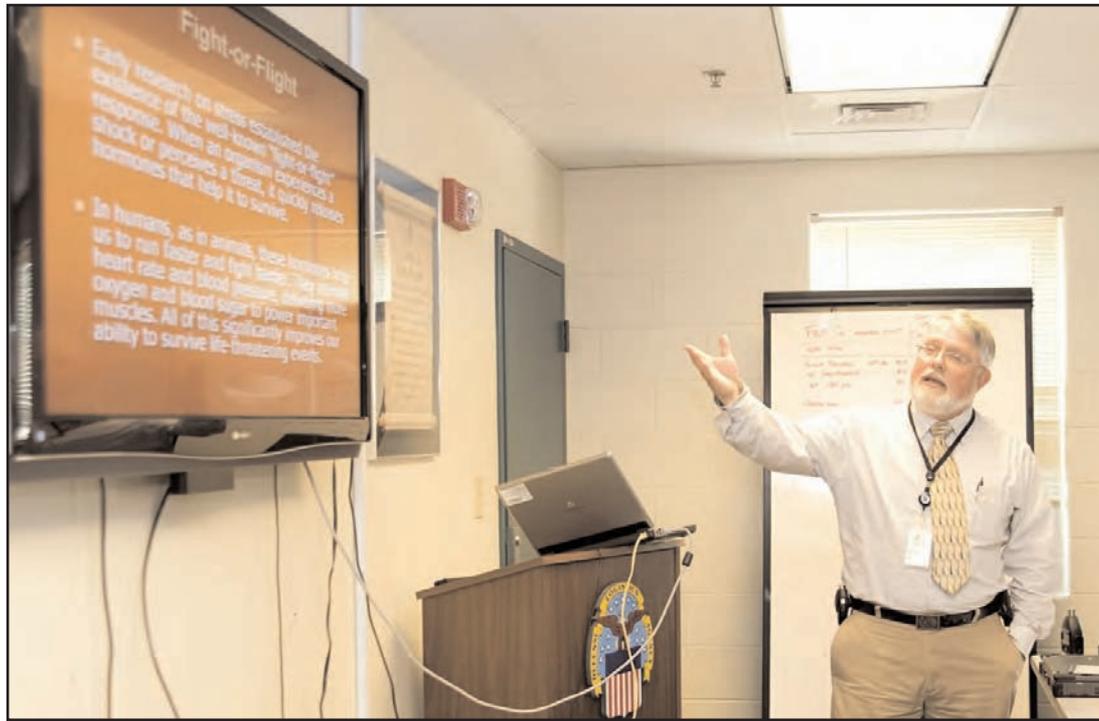
Dealing effectively with stress can improve a person's life

By Drew Henderson
DLA Land and Maritime
Employee Assistance
Program Manager

We hear a lot about stress these days - so much that sometimes our response is to have our eyes glaze over. Try to avoid that reaction for the next couple of minutes, because this article contains information that can make a great difference in your life.

Most of us are familiar with the term "fight or flight." This describes the body's reaction to a dangerous situation: Your heart rate increases, your breathing speeds up, muscles become tense, blood leaves hands and feet and travels to the large muscles, pupils dilate and digestion stops. These physical reactions are critically important when a situation places your life in danger. The problem in our fast-paced world is that we are under stress from many sources many times a day. Even though we are rarely in real, physical danger, our bodies react as if we were. The resultant wear and tear on the body is substantial and we pay a real price for the constant over-stimulation.

Stress that occurs too often, is too intense, or lasts too long can lead to a variety of stress-related diseases. Some of these are back pain, tension headaches or migraines,



Drew Henderson of the DLA Land and Maritime Employee Assistance Program gives a stress management presentation at the DLA Land and Maritime fire station. He discussed the terms "fight or flight," sources of stress and tips on dealing with stress.

high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, asthma, allergies, hives, gastro-intestinal disorders and immune system disorders.

Stress comes at us from many directions and while some of the stressors seem pretty obvious, identifying the sources of stress in your life isn't as easy as it sounds. Your true sources of stress aren't always obvious, and it's all too easy to overlook your own stress-inducing thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Sure, you may know that you're constantly worried about work deadlines. But maybe it's your procrastination, rather than the actual job demands, that

leads to deadline stress.

Do you explain away stress as temporary ("I just have a million things going on right now") even though you can't remember the last time you took a breather? Do you define stress as an integral part of your work or home life ("Things are always crazy around here") or as a part of your personality ("I have a lot of nervous energy, that's all")? Do you blame your stress on other people or outside events, or view it as entirely normal and unexceptional? Until you accept responsibility for the role you play in creating or maintaining it, your stress level will remain outside your con-

trol.

Managing stress is all about taking charge: taking charge of your thoughts, your emotions, your schedule, your environment, and the way you deal with problems. The ultimate goal is a balanced life, with time for work, relationships, relaxation and fun - plus the resilience to hold up under pressure and meet challenges head on.

A stress journal can help you identify the regular stressors in your life and the way you deal with them. Each time you feel stressed, keep track of it in your journal. As you keep a daily log, even just for two or three weeks, you

will begin to see patterns and common themes. Write down:

- What caused your stress (make a guess if you're unsure).
- How you felt, both physically and emotionally.
- How you acted in response. Did it help?
- What you did to make yourself feel better.

Quite often our experience of stress comes from our perception of a situation. Often that perception is right, but sometimes it isn't. Sometimes we are unreasonably harsh with ourselves, or jump to wrong conclusions about people's motives, and this can send us into a downward spiral of negative thinking. How you think can have a profound affect on your emotional and physical well-being. Each time you think a negative thought about yourself, your body reacts as if it were in the throes of a tension-filled situation. If you focus on good things about yourself, you are more likely to feel good; the reverse is also true. Eliminate words such as "always," "never," "should" and "must." These are tell-tale marks of self-defeating thoughts.

Dealing with your stress falls into two basic categories: adjust your environment or adjust your attitude. Some ideas for the first category are to try to avoid people or situations that create stress,

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(DSCC photos by Brian Settlage)

The careers of 47 DLA Land and Maritime associates who retired June 30 were recognized during a ceremony held June 28 in the Building 20 auditorium. Of those who departed, 28 posed for this photo at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Farewell ceremony celebrates careers of 48 DLA associates

By Dan Bender
DSCC Public Affairs Office

A formal farewell ceremony saluting the careers of 47 Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime associates was held June 28 in the Building 20 auditorium.

Highlighting the ceremony were remarks by DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty, a historical video on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation, and a video with the photographs of those departing the local workforce.

Those departing were a combination of retirees and associates who applied for and were granted Voluntary Early Retirement Authority

or Voluntary Separation Incentive Program releases. These will be the only VERA and VSIP offerings for DLA Land and Maritime in fiscal 2010.

In his remarks, McClaugherty wished those departing well and noted that, "Those of you who are retiring and departing DLA Land and Maritime are taking more than 1,500 total years of expertise and dedicated service with you as you leave.

"This legacy of expertise and dedication during your tenure here has pushed this organization to the top of DLA's field activities and has raised the bar of excellence for those who come after you. We, and the government as a whole, are richer from your service."

The deputy commander noted the impressive legacy of support that those departing have provided during their tenure.

"Numerous times through the years, DLA Land and Maritime has stepped up to pump items in the supply line to the warfighter and you were right there, meeting the needs of the customer, every time you were called on. You can take great pride in being a part of that service and the accomplishment of our mission," he said.

He also wished the retirees well in retirement and said one of their new roles will be as "DLA Land and Maritime ambassadors."

"As ambassadors, we

hope that you will spread the news within your local community about all the good things we do to support the warfighter," he said. "With so many issues and concerns in the community, it is always good to have ambassadors who know the importance of our mission and can share that knowledge as they build relationships in the community."

Before concluding his remarks, McClaugherty also asked for a moment of silence in memory of Alice Mullins, a long-time DLA employee who died in May and would have retired June 30 with 49 years of federal service.

After his remarks, the departing personnel received certificates from

McClaugherty.

Also during the event, a special video on the history of DSCC was played before McClaugherty's remarks and a slide presentation with photographs of those departing was played before the ceremony's conclusion.

The national

anthem was sung by Lisa Griffin from the Maritime Supplier Operations Directorate and the invocation was presented by chaplain liaison Robert Contino of Operations Support. Acting public affairs officer John Foreman was the emcee.

Those departing are Cheryl L. Abercrombie-Beckett, Gary D. Akers, Deborah J. Arthur, Paula Y. Barrett, David A. Brown, Dawn Y. Brown, Donald Brown, William H. Carroll, Roland E. Chardi, Sarah M. Copeland, Connie L. Crouch, Greg P. Dersarkisian, Mary A. Fenneman, Glenn E. Fuller Sr., Roy M. Gallagher, James R. Golden, James D. Hammond, Karyn H. Kelley, Robert B. Kelly Jr., Jimmy Knight, Alice L. Knox, Melvin Legg, Carl F. Littlejohn, Monica L. Long, Cheryl I. Martin, Paul J. Matthews, Robert L. McPherson, Selena J. Minter, Loretta J. Morgan-Taylor, Carol Ann Morrison, Kathy R. Phillips, Rosalee Poole, William G. Reeder, Brenda K. Rice, William T. Russell Jr., Judith A. Sage, Sandra L. Schum, Don Sikorski, Joan Spencer, Kemmuel L. Stewart, Janice E. Thomas, Danny Tipton, Judith A. Todoroff, David W. Vantrease, Sherry A. Vantrease, Michael P. Ventresca and Dennis L. Wilkerson.



A standing room only crowd was on hand to recognize departing DLA Land and Maritime associates and join DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty in wishing them well in retirement.

Associates provide support for Abrams tank suspension upgrade

Several Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime associates worked together recently to support an upgrade to the suspension of the M1A1 Abrams tank for the Marine Corps and make sure the work can start on time.

Vicki Calland, a buyer on the Power Transmission Devices Integrated Support Team in Maritime Supplier Operations, awarded an emergency large purchase of a torsion bar housing that is needed to support the tank's suspension system upgrade.

Lou Pieri, the weapon system support manager for the Abrams tank in Land Customer Operations, explained that the Marine Corps must move from the M1A1 Abrams tank suspension to the M1A2 suspen-



(Photo by Cpl. Theodore W. Ritchie)

Shown in action is a U.S. Marine Corps M1-A1 Abrams main battle tank. Several DLA Land and Maritime associates worked together recently to support an upgrade to the suspension of the M1A1 Abrams tank for the Marine Corps and make sure the work can start on time at the Anniston Army Depot.

sion due to an increase in weight of the vehicle from 60 to 70 tons.

"On April 15, the Marine Corps made the commit-

ment to make this change for their fleet of vehicles. Anniston Army Depot will do the work and needs parts beginning Oct. 10," Pieri said.

The torsion bar housing is one of the components required for that change. Calland's supervisor, Richard Furchner, explained that while DLA Land and Maritime has been largely successful in purchasing this item from small businesses for the past 10 years, the lead time had been about 270 days.

"I spoke with the previous awardee, a small business

manufacturer, and he said that while he could probably take that lead time down to 180 days, that all hinged on prompt delivery of the aluminum forging from which the subject item is machined," Furchner said. "He said the forgings have a seven-week lead time. However, even a 180-day delivery would not be soon enough to make the Oct. 10 deadline."

However, General Dynamics Land Systems, a large business, said it could produce the needed item from scratch in eight to 12 weeks because the company is

currently in production of the M1A2 and has the basic aluminum forging already on hand.

"I brought the issue to IST Chief Christina Schall and supply planner supervisor Terrance Johnson, and they worked out a great solution," Pieri said.

DLA Land and Maritime decided to make a one-time emergency purchase from General Dynamics for at least an initial quantity of 54 of the torsion bar housing to cover the first two months of production at Anniston.

Calland said Anniston Army Depot will begin the work in October with a schedule of retrofitting six Abrams tanks per month.

"The solicitation was issued June 8 and the offer from General Dynamics was received June 28," Calland said. "General Dynamics quoted a 135-day delivery schedule. We were able to negotiate a reduced delivery schedule to 95 days and awarded the contract June 29."

The balance of the unfilled orders for the torsion bar housing will be covered by a follow-up buy for 305 each to a small manufacturer, Calland and Furchner said.

IT'S A DATE

July 2010

July 26 - Parents Day

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

August 2010

Aug. 1 - Air Force Day

Aug. 2 - Friendship Day

Aug. 2-6 - DLA Land and Maritime Forward Execution Homecoming

Aug. 4 - U. S. Coast Guard's 220th birthday

Aug. 4 - DLA Director's Call, 10 a.m., Building

20 auditorium

Aug. 13 - American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

Aug. 23-25 - DLA Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition, Greater Columbus Convention Center

Aug. 26 - Women's Equality Day

Aug. 27 - Armed Services Blood Program Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

Contracting

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Realignment and Closure Office said the new team marks a "milestone" in the expansion of the DLA Norfolk detachment's capabilities.

"This is a new function for DLA Norfolk," she said. "It's their contracting team, which has never been done before."

DLA Norfolk is the first shipyard detachment to add contracting work to its mission; the DLA detachment located at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard will add a contract-

ing team in November.

Newcomb said she foresees "a lot of positive things down the road" for her team and a lot of changes when the "Day 2" phase arrives next year, particularly with the implementation of eProcurement.

Newcomb expressed her appreciation to DLA for making the transition process a smooth one.

"We have received a tremendous amount of support from the DLA staff," she said.

Maritime associate named musical 'Artist of the Year'

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

A supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime who likes to sing the blues recently won a prestigious award for her singing prowess.

Regina Westbrook, who performs under the stage name "Teeny Tucker," was named "Monterey Blues Artist of the Year" at the 25th annual Monterey Bay Blues Festival in California at the end of June.

Westbrook, chief of the Switches and Post Award Integrated Support Team in Maritime Supplier Operations, said receiving the award is a "pivotal moment" in her life.

"This award is even more special to me because it has also been bestowed upon legends such as Etta James, Bobby Blue Bland, Koko Taylor, Little Milton, BB King and Buddy Guy,"

she said. "Receiving the MOBAY award means that I am called to a higher level of respect and pursuit of excellence in all my blues endeavors. It's a little like being in a loving relationship with the blues, and finally receiving a proposal of marriage."

She added that she feels honored beyond what words can express by the recognition.

"Someone once said, 'Teeny, just keep showing up with your love, dedication, talent and support for the blues and eventually someone will notice,'" she said.

The Monterey Bay Blues Festival began in 1986 and is considered one of the premier blues festivals in the country. It features world-renowned blues artists along with young budding artists.

Westbrook, a Dayton native who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime since 1984, comes by her singing ability naturally. Her father was the late



(Photo by Robert Hughes Photography)

DLA Land and Maritime associate Regina Westbrook, who performs under the stage name "Teeny Tucker," receives the "Monterey Blues Artist of the Year" award June 27 at the 25th annual Monterey Bay Blues Festival in California.

blues singer Tommy Tucker, who wrote and recorded the 1964 hit "High Heel Sneakers." She grew up singing gospel, but began concentrating on the blues in the mid-1990s.

"Blues singing can be about happy things," she said. "A lot of people think

that blues singing has to be about something sad, but that's not the case."

Westbrook has a number of performances scheduled both locally and across the United States in the coming months. She will hold a party for the release of her new CD, "Keep the Blues

Alive," Aug. 6 in Columbus, followed by an Aug. 15 performance at the Granville Summer Music Series in Granville, Ohio.

Information about Westbrook/Tucker and her performance schedule can be found at www.teenytucker.com.



(Photo courtesy of LULAC Ohio)

Castillo named LULAC Ohio Woman of the Year

Maria Buch Castillo, an IT specialist in J6C, and Lourdes Ribera, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens Cincinnati, were recently honored with the 2010 LULAC Ohio Woman of the Year award during the June 26 LULAC Ohio State Convention in Cincinnati. Castillo serves as the LULAC Ohio Deputy Director of Women and president of the LULAC Columbus chapter. In the photo above are (left to right) LULAC Ohio state director Jason Riveiro, Castillo, Diana Lara of LULAC Cincinnati, U.S. District Judge Keila Cosme, who served as the convention's keynote speaker, Ribera, and Ohio Supreme Court chief justice Eric Brown, who provided closing remarks. During the convention, LULAC members and guests participated in educational workshops and spoke with many elected officials and government representatives about current issues. LULAC's mission focuses on improving the economic, social and health conditions of the Hispanic population in the United States.

Green Belt class completes program under new curriculum

By Leah Hout
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The Defense Logistics Agency's has deployed a new curriculum for its Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training. Associates in the June 14-18 Green Belt class at the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation are the first group here to complete the class under the new expectation.

The new training will focus on Lean methodologies and standard work that add value and eliminate waste in any process. According to Adrienne McGeachy, DLA Land and Maritime Lean Six Sigma analyst, the new curriculum guides Green Belts in learning about Rapid Improvement Events that are completed in six to eight weeks and focuses more on the Lean tools and less on Six Sigma tools of LSS.

"The new curriculum primarily focuses on doing Rapid Improvement Events," said McGeachy. Some of the tools that Green Belts will use are the 5S system of Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardize and Sustain to stabilize processes; value stream mapping, which is the formal analysis of the project or outcome and results in prioritized improvements that add value and reduces waste;



(DES-C photo by Rachel Kocin)

A class of 20 DLA Land and Maritime leaders and associates composing the June 14-18 Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training class held in Building 11 was the first group to complete the class under a new curriculum. DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClagherty gave closing remarks, passed out certificates to class members and posed with the class and instructors. In the photo above, McClagherty stands with (first row from left) Lean Six Sigma program analyst Vernon Shaw, Kirsten Burkam, Jubiline Effoe Mbandi and Elizabeth Debolt; (middle row from left) McClagherty, Ricardo Merritt, Michael Hoten, Lashana Crone, Keyla Alvarado, Tim Thurston, Marvin Garmon and instructor Tim Fowler; and (back row from left) Lean Six Sigma program analyst Adrienne McGeachy, Don Schulze, Stephen Stanley, Air Force Col. Daniel Hicks, Makeya Porter, David Loughman, Marla Clifton, Jeff Pollard, Mary Jane Wooley, Gary Meyer and Charles Palmer. Class member Claudia Veljanovski was not available for the photo.

and standard work, which represents the best way to achieve maximum performance with minimum waste in a process.

Green Belt training will focus on RIEs. "Green Belts spend a lot of time focusing on the voice of the customer (VOC) and voice of the business. (VOB) They [Green Belts] get direct customer input and feedback to help

improve processes," McGeachy said. Black Belt projects will continue to use the data-driven, Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control (DMAIC) problem solving approach.

McGeachy said that new expectations in the program are that, with the help of their champions and sponsors, Green Belts will write their project

charters and begin their projects during their training week.

Green Belt projects/events have to include one of three measurable metrics in their charters. These include time, quality or cost. Green Belts are expected to complete the approved projects they start in class within six to eight weeks.

Stress

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learn how to say "no," prioritize your tasks, learn effective time management skills, and avoid hot-button discussions.

Since you can't always avoid the stress, it's important that you learn to deal with it effectively. You can do the following: Learn to be more assertive, express your feelings, look at the big picture, avoid perfectionism, stop trying to control the uncontrollable, and talk to someone about your stress.

Don't be your own worst enemy when dealing with stress. Avoid self-medicating with alcohol, drugs, sleeping pills, etc. It's better not to isolate - be sure to spend time with friends and

family. Eat a balanced diet, get a reasonable amount of exercise and try to get enough sleep. Periodically during the day, take deep breaths, stretch and relax for two or three minutes.

Some stress is inevitable but if you deal with it effectively, you can conquer it. Now go out and enjoy life!

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DFAS Columbus employees, interns providing valuable service to longstanding customer

Employees on Wright-Patterson AFB tour focused on Air Force's new logistics system

By Kathryn Fristad, Kelcey Lass and Elizabeth Marsh
DFAS Columbus SBM Interns

FAIRBORN, Ohio - Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus and Indianapolis LIMs, summer interns and members of the senior management teams at each site attended an Expeditionary Combat Support System Overview Briefing June 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Expeditionary Combat Support System (ECSS) is based on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) technology and represents the single biggest change in the history of Air Force logistics. The site visit to WPAFB provided DFAS employees an opportunity to see how the work they do directly affects their customer and how the support that DFAS is providing to ECSS is seen critical to its success.

WPAFB is an 8,243-acre Air Force base located near Dayton, Ohio. It has been a leader in military aviation since World War I, when aviation research and development began to flourish.

Current missions at WPAFB include research and development, education, flight operations and other defense activities. The nation's aeronautical weapon systems are conceived and tested at WPAFB. It is one of the largest and most diverse Air Force bases in the nation, employing more than 25,000 people with an annual payroll of more than \$1.7 billion.

ECSS is located at WPAFB. The system will improve Air Force logistics efficiency by complete-



(DFAS photos courtesy of Elizabeth Marsh) DFAS Columbus Strategic Business Management Office director Nancy Zmyslinski and her husband, Tom (right), speak with DFAS employees. DFAS Columbus and Indianapolis LIMs and summer interns toured WPAFB to learn about the new Expeditionary Combat Support System being developed by the Air Force.

systems when implementation is complete.

"The way we organize, deploy and employ has changed; the way we support our warfighters must also change," said Grover Dunn, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support for the Air Force Headquarters, Washington, D.C., in explaining the new ECSS system.

ECSS Final Operating Capability is scheduled for 2016 and consists of four releases. The first release, beginning with three pilots, will take place

ly changing the way the Air Force creates, maintains and uses logistics information. ECSS integrates a broad range of Air Force business functions onto a single platform and will provide decision makers with an enterprise view of assets for the Air Force as well as many savings. ECSS will be the largest ERP in the world in terms of information, users, dollars and span of control.

Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century (eLog21) is an Air Force campaign consisting of nine initiatives that aims to develop and implement systems that will allow the Air Force to operate more efficiently and effectively in the 21st century. ECSS is one of these initiatives and will replace more than 400 logistics and financial

at Hanscom AFB, located in Barre, Mass. Vehicle maintenance and tool management will be the first functions at Hanscom to be converted to ECSS beginning this month with Release 1. Pilot A (R1PA). Release 1, Pilot B (R1PB) will include equipment management and is scheduled to 'go-live' in December. Release 1, Pilot C (R1PC) will incorporate retail material management with scheduled 'go-live' of May 2011. From there, all remaining Air Force bases will be converted to ECSS with all Release 1 functionality beginning April 2012 and scheduled for completion in December 2012. Releases two through four will add Air Logistics Center supply, depot maintenance and planning, as well as flight line maintenance, ammunition and planning functions into ECSS.

Although much development work on ECSS Release 1 is done, the team still faces many challenges in implementation. More than 600 locations will have to be prepared for ECSS deployment, and the 250,000 civilian and military personnel that will use ECSS will have to be trained in the new system. In order to integrate information from the legacy systems into ECSS, data from the old systems will need to be "cleansed." Data cleansing involves finding an authoritative source for that data, verifying the information, correcting anomalies and converting the information into a format that the new system will accept.

While ECSS's primary focus is on Air Force logistics, DFAS is an integral part of the develop-



DFAS employees take photos of a plane formerly used as Air Force One during their tour of the Air Force Museum.

ment and implementation process. "DFAS has a role in the Air Force's new logistics system because logistic events may trigger a financial event. DFAS financial management supports logistics, and logistics directly support the warfighter," said Lyle Swan, DFAS Deputy ECSS Project Manager, who works alongside Air Force personnel in Dayton, Ohio.

At WPAFB, DFAS and Air Force employees work side by side on the ECSS project. The objective of this collaborative effort is to move away from thinking about ECSS from an Air Force perspective or a DFAS perspective, and start thinking about it from a financial management perspective. DFAS has three roles to play in the ECSS initiative: ensuring that ECSS transactions are auditable, guaranteeing ECSS's compliance with financial laws and regulations, and ensuring compatible system alignment with Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System (DEAMS). DFAS employees, who make up a small portion of the ECSS project team, are serving as subject matter experts.

Maintaining open and constant communication with its customers will help DFAS to meet its customer service benchmarks by streamlining processes and resolving problems. The ECSS implementation process is just one example of DFAS employees embracing the strategic

theme of customer collaboration. In addition, customer visits are an excellent way to ensure this level of customer collaboration.

"Air Force and DFAS must work closely together as a team to achieve the common vision of transforming these outdated systems and support the Air Force's logistics transformation efforts," said Jenny Rakestraw, a financial specialist in the Strategic Business Management Enterprise and Component Solutions division at WPAFB.

To learn more about Wright-Patterson AFB, visit www.wpafb.af.mil/.

Medallion for veterans' gravestones available

From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki recently announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers to signify a deceased's status as a veteran.

"For veterans not buried in a national or state veterans cemetery, or those without a government grave marker, VA is pleased to offer this option that highlights their service and sacrifices for our country," Shinseki said.

The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Under federal law, eligible veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 1/2 inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker,

mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

More information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions can be found at www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp.

VA is currently developing an application form for ordering the medallion. Until it is available, applicants may use the form for ordering government headstones and markers, VA Form 40-1330. Instructions on how to apply for a medallion are found on the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or grave marker.

The new medallions will be available only to veterans buried in private cemeteries without a government headstone or marker. Families of eligible decedents may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment.

VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. More than 3 million Americans are buried in VA's national cemeteries on more than 19,000 acres.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site at www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000.



DFAS employees stand by a plane on display at the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. DFAS Columbus and Indianapolis LIMs and summer interns toured WPAFB to learn about the new Expeditionary Combat Support System being developed by the Air Force.



Shown is one of many fighter planes on display at the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB.

Sign painter selected DES-C May Associate of the Month

By Tony D'Elia
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A sign painter's work is never done.

Responsible for making most of the signs and plaques on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation is signage specialist Freddie Jorge. An installation that is one square mile in size has an endless need for signage, but the month of May was especially busy for Jorge, who works out of the Base Maintenance Shop in Building 308.

Jorge completed the design, layout, production and installation of the Land directorate organizational wall display in addition to adding the 2010 inductees to the DSCC Hall of Fame wall display. He also designed and produced a placard for display outside the DSCC outdoor pavilion to commemorate the 2010 Earth Day a tree planting ceremony.

He also completed the design and production of banners, a bingo game master board, venue tent



(DES-C photo by Rachel Kocin)

DES-C site director Kenny Youn (right) presents sign painter Freddie Jorge with the organization's Associate of the Month Award for May.

patches and recycling logos for use during the 2010 Multicultural Unity Day/Fun Fest. Add to that the

production and installation of 100-plus office module nameplate systems for newly renovated Defense

Finance and Accounting Service office space in Buildings 11 and 12.

For the endless orders of office nameplates, Jorge recently developed an economical method to utilize alternative shop materials to produce nameplate inserts.

By developing a replacement insert method via the use of substitute materials and by using graphic arts software, Jorge has substantially reduced the cost to produce the inserts.

"Freddie consistently applies his knowledge in design, the use of sign shop technology and equipment and artistic creativity in meeting the requirements of his many center customers," said his supervisor, Donny J. Welch.

Jorge came to the installation in 1974; his total federal service time is approaching 40 years when his civilian service is coupled with his tenure in the Air Force. Additionally, he served 12 years in the Army Reserve.

He also found time to earn a fine arts degree from The Ohio State University in 1978.

We are DLA

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mond - DLA Aviation;

- Defense Energy Support Center - DLA Energy;
- Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service - DLA Disposition Services; and
- Defense Distribution Center - DLA Distribution.

Signs, web sites and marketing materials will gradually change to depict the new names. These and other visual materials used to represent DLA, such as the DLA emblem, flags and stationery, must adhere to guidelines set forth in a new DLA Style Guide, which will be available to employees through the eWorkplace Intranet site.

DLA Land and Maritime Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Richardson pointed out that the installation at which DLA Land and Maritime is located will continue to be known as Defense Supply Center Columbus.

"It's important to note that this effort doesn't change the people, the place or the mission; it only emphasizes and displays the organization as a key mission community within 'one' DLA throughout the world," Richardson said.

"This effort is more than just changing names. It reinforces to DoD customers, vendors and



The Defense Logistics Agency launched a new initiative called "We Are DLA" July 19 in an effort to create a single-agency environment among customers and its global workforce.

stakeholders the full value of DLA. It ensures that DLA's importance is clearly understood by all," he added.

The cost of these changes will be minimal because items like identification badges and organizational flags will be replaced only after current supplies are exhausted or natural wear and tear requires replacement, according to officials in the agency's Human Resources and Enterprise Transformation directorates.

A checklist will instruct employees how to make changes to things like voicemail messages

and e-mail signature blocks that include previous organization titles.

Agency leaders want to be unified in delivering what warfighters expect and to be viewed by stakeholders as a single enterprise, officials said. The unified approach is especially critical as DLA continues integrating additional responsibilities and personnel from the military services through the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendations.

"I think the resulting transparency will educate our cus-

tomers on the total width and breadth of the enterprise behind their logistics services," Thompson said. "Also, I believe it will enlighten our employees on both their place in this worldwide enterprise and the wide range of possibilities inherent in working for a global agency."

This is the first time in DLA's 49-year history that an attempt has been made to make organizational names consistent, the director added.

Questions on the We Are DLA campaign can be sent to: WeAreDLA@dla.mil.

Associate provides critical support to machine gun programs

By Tony D'Elia
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Defense Logistics Agency Anniston forward execution acquisition specialist Bryan "Greg" Lovelady was instrumental in supporting an urgent requirement for the M240 medium machine gun.

The M240, which fires 7.62 mm NATO ammunition, has been used by the armed forces since the mid-1980s. Used extensively by infantry, the medium weight machine gun is also used on ground vehicles, watercraft and aircraft.

Despite not being the lightest medium machine gun in service, the M240 is highly regarded for reliability, and its standardization among NATO members is also seen as a major advantage.

Because of issues with current DLA contracts and National Stock Number requirements, the gun's feed lever had reached CAT 1 sta-



Greg Lovelady

tus, which means production had been shut down because of the lack of spare parts. Alternate sources were required to be identified to resolve the situation of this critical

part, which is found on all variations of the weapon.

Through aggressive EBUY action, Lovelady was able to award a contract to FN Manufacturing (the original manufacturer for the M240), which then shipped 100 directly from the company's production line. This



The M240 medium machine gun fires 7.62 mm NATO ammunition and has been used by the armed forces since the mid-1980s. DLA Anniston forward execution acquisition specialist Bryan "Greg" Lovelady was instrumental in supporting a recent urgent requirement for the machine gun.

resulted in the Anniston production line being re-started and the CAT 1 being reduced to a CAT 2

(a 30-day supply of the part). The actions resulted in no impact to the warfighter.

Associate's effort speeds needed part to Tobyhanna Army Depot

By Tony D'Elia
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime associate located at Tobyhanna Army Depot was recently recognized for his effort to speed up delivery of a needed part at the depot.

Robert Brewer, a forward execution acquisition specialist, responded to a request to assist with support for an electronic part that would have negatively impacted the production line at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Customer service representative Mark Malina had requested support for a critically needed part for the AN/TPS 75 Radar. The item was a waveguide assembly for the radar system. Malinak advised that there were multiple open purchase requests for the item and Disciplined Production Control reported estimated award dates for June 2011.



Robert Brewer is a forward execution acquisition specialist located at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

purchase requests and due-ins for the part and projected production lead time was 210 days. Market research was conducted that identified material that could be obtained within 21 days.

Brewer coordinated with the appropriate support personnel, requested creation of an emergency buy purchase request, and processed the award within eight hours after identifying the available material.

Chillicothe VA medical center building first-of-its-kind energy center

By Stacia Ruby
Chillicothe VA Medical Center Public Affairs Officer

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center will soon break ground on a new energy center (boiler plant) that will include the use of wood chips as a primary fuel source for generating steam and electrical power.

After being approached about the potential of using biomass for the boiler plant replacement project, the Chillicothe VA conducted two independent studies that concluded that a capital outlay for a biomass addition was feasible and worth the investment.

"These studies then provided a platform for funding the biomass initiative with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars, part of the presidential stimulus package," center director Jeffrey T. Gering said. "Additional information provided in one of the studies shows a sustainable fuel supply for continual operation of the biomass facility to provide reliable steam and power for the facility serving veterans in southeastern Ohio."

The boiler plant replacement project and biomass addition together will result in a "state of the art" plant facility that also includes electrical co-generation and will yield significant cost savings to the Department of Veterans Affairs. According to a study funded by the U.S. Forestry Service, the VA center could realize an estimated annual fuel cost sav-

ings of \$896,000 from the project.

The biomass addition will allow steam generation by burning wood chips, which is a renewable fuel resource, is carbon neutral and is considered a "green" product. The Chillicothe VA will be the first VA medical center to use biomass as a primary energy source for fueling facility power. It is also believed that this facility will be the first U.S. hospital to use biomass as the primary fuel source to power its energy plant.

Ground breaking for the power plant is scheduled for July, with a construction timeline of about 15 months. In addition to the construction jobs this ARRA-funded project will create, it is expected that up to a dozen sustainable jobs in the logging and trucking sectors will be created in the southern Ohio region.

The project has been a joint effort between the Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Rep. Zack Space (OH D-18), state Rep. Ray Pryor (D-Chillicothe), the U.S. Forestry Service, the Ohio Governor's Office, Governor's Office of Economic Development, Ohio State Forestry Department, Ohio State Office of Development and the VA Office of Asset Enterprise Management.

"The VA Medical Center is being progressive and thinking about the future," Pryor said. "This is a great opportunity for southern Ohio."

More information about the project is available by calling the Chillicothe VA Medical Center at 773-1141, ext. 7080. \

Warren's McCullough retires with 37 years of service

By Tony D'Elia
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office



Mary Lou McCullough is retiring as chief of the Acquisition Division at the DLA Warren detachment after 37 years of service.

It all started 37 years ago at East Detroit High School for Mary Lou McCullough.

"I was a senior when they came in and gave us a civil service test," she said. "I didn't think much of it but that summer I got a telephone call saying I had a job at TACOM."

She immediately thought two things - "I can't take the job because I have to babysit the other kids while my father is in the hospital," and "What's a TACOM?"

"I called my mother at work and said, 'I just got the strangest call - they said I have a job at TACOM.'"

"Call them right back," her mother said without hesitation.

Well, she did just that. She signed on as a GS-2 clerk-typist making \$5,400 per year. Now, 37 years later, McCullough is retiring as the chief of the Acquisition

Division at DLA Warren.

"The experience that Mary Lou brought to DLA Warren has been instrumental in the successful stand-up of the detachment," said Ellen Dennis, director, DLA Warren Procurement Operations. "She not only provided tremendous technical expertise but astute supervisory

expertise as well. Mary Lou has been my 'right-hand, go-to person' since the establishment of the provisional detachment under the Army. I am truly going to miss her."

In 1994, McCullough was a GS-5 secretary when she entered the upward mobility program to become a TACOM intern as a target GS-5-7-9 in contracting. Through the years, she progressed from a secretary in contracting in the TACOM Procurement and Production Directorate to a contracting officer. From this time on, she found herself teaching contracting to numerous fellow associates and interns.

"Once I got off the training program, I became a buyer buying spare parts. Then I became a GS-12 supervisor and contracting officer of the Express Acquisition (EXACT) Team," she said.

On the EXACT Team, she found herself training former price analysts and production specialists, con-

verting them to contract specialists. She also trained 26 interns in two years.

In September 2008, she volunteered to join what became the Defense Logistics Agency detachment in Warren, Mich., and with it came a promotion to division chief. Today she supervises five supervisors who each have a team and a total of 53 personnel who buy depot-level reparable. Last year the detachment awarded 874 contracts worth almost \$620 million in support of TACOM's sustainment mission.

"The reason they asked me to go to DLA was because it (the detachment) would be buying the same kinds of material I bought before," McCullough said. "When we were standing up the detachment (in February 2009), all of the journeymen and supervisors were volunteers. We were mainly staffed with interns. Twenty-seven of 53 (associates) were brand new interns, off the street,

specifically hired for DLA."

Coming with her new DLA job was another batch of interns.

"We never thought it would work out," McCullough said, "but I have to admit, this is the finest group of interns I've ever worked with. These people have come through admirably."

For the five years prior to joining DLA, McCullough supervised the Omnibus/Focused Sustainment Team. The Omnibus contracts were used to acquire "white collar" services supporting the Project Management Offices at TACOM while Focused Sustainment was responsible for purchasing "blue collar" services to support TACOM-managed equipment all over the world.

One of her biggest honors along the way was being the recipient of the Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Award as the outstanding contracting officer for fiscal 2001.



(J6C photo by J. Spencer Denison)

Pettit selected as J6C Employee of the Month

Marva Pettit (right) was named J6C's Employee of the Month for July. J6C Director Susan VanMeter (left) presented the award. Pettit is an information technology specialist who has recently taken on the post production support of the Customer Relationship Management upgrade. Her nomination states that her steady diligence in monitoring the production environment ensures that customers experience less downtime and have a better overall experience with EBS SAP systems. Pettit started working for the Defense Electronic Supply center in 1987. She took a position at DISA from 1995 to 2003 before accepting a job in J6C.



(DES-C photo by Chuck Morris)

Land Customer director heads to post in Germany

Army Col. Carl Bird (right), who came to DLA Land and Maritime in July 2007 as director of Land Customer Operations, holds the Defense Superior Service Medal award citation presented to him by DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClougherty during Bird's June 25 departure ceremony. Bird departed for a new assignment in Germany as U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander. In his new job, he will provide guidance, oversight and direction for the garrison directorates that run the everyday activities of the installation. By handling these day-to-day tasks, the Combat Command headquarters and tenant units can focus on their missions. The Stuttgart Garrison is populated by about 23,000 persons including military, reservists, civilians, contractors, family members and retirees, is surrounded by 16 German towns.

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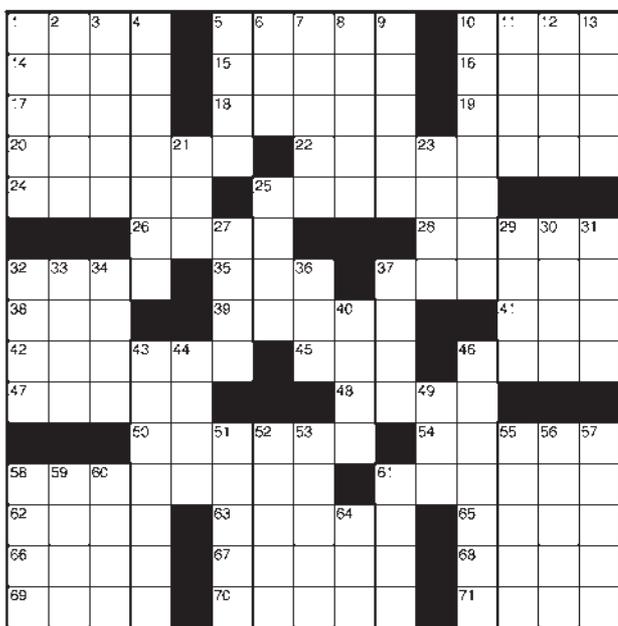


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SPORTS AND LEISURE



Members of the DSCC corporate challenge team are (front row from left) coach Heather Dawson, Cindy Mullins, Norine Kinniard, Anthony Hray, Michael Mahaney and Chad Bone; and (back row from left) Noah Davidson, Nate Grooms, Jason Clay, Bryan Hunt and Michael Bramlish.

Installation soccer team excels in tourney

DSCC's entry in Crew Corporate Soccer makes championship game

A soccer team composed of Defense Supply Center Columbus installation players made it all the way to the 2010 Columbus Crew Corporate Cup championship game at Crew Stadium.

DSCC fell to defending champion Paint 4 You, 5-1, in the championship match to finish second in a field of eight teams. DSCC made it to the championship game by downing KPI 3-0 in a semifinal game pitting first round division champs against a second-place finisher (DSCC).

At the start of the tournament, the DSCC team rolled through its first two opponents, beating Diaz 1-0 in the opening game and CME Federal 6-0. Their first defeat came at the hands of the eventual champion, Paint 4 You, in a close 2-1 contest.

Anyone interested in playing adult soccer can come to a practice at Gahanna's Headley Park at 5:15 p.m. July 22, 28 and Aug. 5.

For more information, call coach Heather Dawson at 614-692-2337.



(Photo by Heather Dawson)

Jason Clay (left), a DHRC-D associate, breaks up a scoring attempt in the 2010 Columbus Crew Corporate Cup championship game at Crew Stadium. Paint 4 You won the game, 5-1.

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: *W equals D*

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 JORFGJORMSMOK. MR ROLGU O
 YFMXDUDYFGV." - OXTGVR
 GMKURGMK

Previous solution: "WHAT IS THE USE OF A HOUSE IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A TOLERABLE PLANET TO PUT IT ON?" - HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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(Photo by Heather Dawson)

Cindy Mullins (second from right) works on a shot on goal in DSCC's championship match against Paint 4 You in the 2010 Columbus Crew Corporate Cup championship game at Crew Stadium.



(DFAS photo by Tom Casasanta)

DFAS Columbus Lean Six Sigma Black Belt candidates and instructors gathered for a photo at the April 23 graduation ceremony. In the front row are (from left) instructors Michael Moxley and Valo Downing, Derek Talley, Kathy Washington, Michelle Corrigan, Sari Card, Christiane Washington, Jaime Shirey, Josh Miller, Tim Mock, Ruth Hayes, Josh Doroen, Tammy DiBacco and Cosmore Davis. In the second row are (from left) Lean Six Sigma director Keith Furman, Brett Clemens, Alan Leonard, Michael D'Onofrio, Chris Stout, Rachael Millar, Jackie Zahurak, Ken George and Daniel Furman.

DFAS Lean 6 Black Belts graduate at Columbus ceremony

By Brenda Golowin
DFAS Lean6 Office

The ninth wave of Defense Finance and Accounting Service Lean Six Sigma Black Belts graduated after completing their formal classroom training April 23.

DFAS Columbus site director Jonathan Witter and the Lean6 director, Keith Furman, presented

20 Black Belt candidates with their training certificates.

These students were a part of a year-long rotational assignment in the Lean6 program. Since joining the Lean6 program in February, they have completed three weeks of classroom training, more than 90 hours of online training, and read several required books on process

improvement.

These candidates will be working on projects to benefit their sites. Lean6 Black Belts graduates were Sari Card, Brett Clemens, Michelle Corrigan, Cosmore Davis, Tammy DiBacco, Michael D'Onofrio, Josh Doroen, Daniel Furman, Ken George, Ruth Hayes, Alan Leonard, Rachael Millar, Josh Miller, Tim

Mock, Jaime Shirey, Chris Stout, Derek Talley, Christiane Washington, Kathy Washington and Jackie Zahurak.

The next wave of Black Belts will begin in August 2010. Any DFAS employees interested in a yearlong rotational assignment in process improvement should contact their supervisor or someone in the Lean6 office at their site.

HHS has new pre-existing condition insurance plan for Ohio

From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced July 1 the establishment of a new Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan that will

offer coverage to uninsured Americans who have been unable to obtain health coverage because of a pre-existing health condition.

The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) will provide a new health coverage option for Ameri-

cans who have been uninsured for at least six months, have been unable to get health coverage because of a health condition, and are a U.S. citizen or are residing in the United States legally.

The State of Ohio will run its own PCIP program,

using \$152 million in federal funding made available under the Affordable Care Act.

Created under the Affordable Care Act, the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan is a transitional program until 2014, when insurers will be

banned from discriminating against adults with pre-existing conditions, and individuals and small businesses will have access to more affordable private insurance choices through new competitive exchanges. In 2014, mem-

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The Columbus Federal Voice

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GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Following are the standings after July 14 play of the DSCC installation Sportsmen's Golf League, which plays on Wednesday nights.

(Week 12 of an 18-week schedule)

Team (Captain)	Points
Jordan's (Tom LeFever)	515
Mother Load (Dan Bell)	503
Lightweights (Jim Homce)	486
Smokin' Aces (Bob Trivett)	467
Plaid Ain't Bad (Chad Cantrell)	465
B.I.G. (Dan Krist)	439

Best League Performances

Last Round	Season-To-Date
Low Scratch 36 C. Cantrell	35 T. LeFever
Low Net 31 C. Cantrell T. Perone	29 S. Schartiger

Insurance

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bers of Congress will also purchase their insurance through exchanges.

"For too long, Ohio residents with pre-existing conditions have faced barriers in obtaining affordable health coverage," said Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan gives them a new option. This program will provide people with pre-existing conditions the help they need as the nation transitions to a more competitive and fair market place in 2014."

In August, eligible Ohioans will be able to apply for coverage under the state's new PCIP program.

The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan will cover a broad range of

health benefits, including primary and specialty care, hospital care and prescription drugs. It does not base eligibility on income and does not charge a higher premium because of a medical condition.

Participants will pay a premium that is not more than the standard individual health insurance premium in their state for insurance that covers major medical and prescription drug expenses with some cost-sharing.

More information about how the plan is being administered in Ohio, along with information on how and where to apply for the PCIP, is available at HHS's new consumer web site www.HealthCare.gov.

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SHARED RENTALS Roommate - one or two rooms available, smokers allowed, renter will have two kids every other week and is very easy going, 614-693-0996.

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Appliances

TV - 1995 Magnavox 30" color TV, EC, hardly used, HD converter, good for rec room, \$100, 614-692-7130 or 614-834-9583.

Furniture

Bedroom suite - seven-piece bedroom suite, queen size pillow top mattress and box spring, headboard, footboard, dresser with mirror, nightstand, excellent condition, rarely used, make offer, 614-692-5667.

Furniture

Entertainment Unit - Sauder, EC, space for 30" TV, shelves for display and storage space, \$75 OBO, 614-692-7130 or 614-834-9583.

Free to Good Home

Black Lab - Free to good home, six year old male, 95 lbs., all shots, not neutered, call 614-693-5676.

Living Room Suite - Three pieces, blue and grey, includes sofa and two chairs, \$150, 614-507-6382.

Sectional Sofa - Barrington, brown micro suede with two accent pillows, \$300 OBO, 614-507-6382.

Misc for Sale

Car Stereo - JVC CD 50-watt car stereo with Iphone and Ipod adapter, \$150 OBO, 614-269-3804.

Deck Building Manuals - Four books, 1,100 pages of wood deck designs and how-to instructions, \$15, 614-692-1812.

Mausoleums - Two personal mausoleums at Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio, \$5,000 OBO, 614-693-1777.

Misc for Sale

Tire - Truck tire, Hankook, brand new/never used, 235/75/17, \$45, 614-692-2965.

Tractor - Troy-Bilt lawn tractor, 42-inch, 20-HP Kohler Foot control auto drive, used one season, like new, \$800 firm, call 614-692-9631 or 614-554-1021.



WHEELS

cars.com

Autos

Ford 2002 - Focus SE, 107K miles, runs and looks good, \$3,000 OBO, 614-226-4105.

Autos

Lincoln 1992 - Town Car, EC, \$2,500 OBO, 740-973-5201.

Mazda 2003 - Miata MX-5, burgundy, 5-speed manual transmission, CD, 57,000 miles, warranty, VGC, \$12,500, 614-692-3895.

Trucks-Vans

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