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(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)

Panel members smile at a point made by Ohio Rep. Nancy Garland (center) during a discussion about women's issues during the annual Women's Equality Day celebration on the DSCC installation. Panel members included (from left) Derek Saunders of DLA Human Resources Center-Columbus, Kristina Redgrave, assistant director, Governor's Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach, Garland, Mysheika LeMaile-Williams (left), M.D., of the Columbus Public Health Department, and TaKeysha Sheppard-Cheney, publisher of *The Women's Book* online.

Panel discussion focuses on equality issues for women

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime does very well in the representation of women in the upper ranks of management, a human resources official said Aug. 26 at a panel discussion for Women's Equality Day.

Derek Saunders, a supervisory human resources specialist for DLA Human Resources Center-Columbus, said 45 percent of managers in the GS 11-13 levels at DLA Land and Maritime are women, well above the 30 percent mark nationally for women in upper manage-

ment positions in the federal workforce.

"While we are above average, we are still looking at ways to increase women's representation, especially at the GS-13, 14 and 15 levels," Saunders said.

Saunders was one of seven panelists who participated in the celebration of Women's Equality Day in the Building 11 auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program, started in 1971 to mark the occasion of women in the United States gaining the right to vote in 1920 with the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The other panelists were Deidra Reese,
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Jefferson Thomas

Civil rights pioneer, DFAS Columbus retiree dies at 67

By Tom Casasanta
DFAS Corporate Communications

Jefferson Thomas, a former Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus employee, and member of the "Little Rock Nine," passed away Sept. 5. He was 67.

Thomas retired from DFAS Columbus in 2004

as a financial specialist. In his personal life, he was a key figure in the civil rights movement. Born in Little Rock, Ark., Thomas volunteered to integrate into the all-white Little Rock Central High School for the 1957-1958 school year as a sophomore.

Thomas, along with eight other African-American

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(DFAS file photo)

Jefferson Thomas (right) stands with former DFAS Columbus Deputy Director of Commercial Pay Services and current DFAS Cleveland director Martha Smith at Thomas' retirement luncheon in 2004. Thomas, a former DFAS Columbus employee, was a key civil rights leader and member of the influential Little Rock Nine group of students who integrated an Arkansas high school in 1957. Thomas passed away Sept. 5 at the age of 67.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Culture Council recognizes award winners

The DLA Land and Maritime Culture Council has recognized the following associates who were selected as Associates' Choice Award winners.

The winners for August are Patricia McWilliams, Tracy E. Ross of Maritime Supplier Operations, Bret Glover of Land Customer Operations and Annette F. Hardin of the Human Performance Division.

The Associates Choice Award program is a peer recognition program created by the DLA Land and Maritime Culture Council as a way for associates to recognize coworkers who demonstrate at least five of the eight tenets of the DSCC Way.

Strauss recognized with DLA award

The winners of the Defense Logistics Agency's Military Recognition Program for the second quarter of fiscal 2010 included Navy Lt. Cdr. James Strauss of Maritime Supplier Operations at DLA Land and Maritime, in the Field Grade Officer Category.

An aggressive team player, his performance has been indispensable in solving Federal Supply Class 4720 readiness and supply support issues for more than 60,000 stock numbers. After learning of a rising failure rate in 2.5-inch deck refueling hoses used by U.S. Navy carriers and amphibious assault ships, Strauss immediately partnered with the original equipment manufacturer, the Engineering Support Activity, and the International Supply Chain Education Alliance to troubleshoot and correct the deficiency. He also worked to aggressively ensure the supply system was ready for the challenges caused by these problems ensuring his team awarded emergency stock contracts to a new OEM.

Ohio department searching for vets

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services is searching for Ohio veterans with two simple messages: "Anyone who wears or has ever worn a U.S. military uniform is a veteran," and "Your service may be worth more than you think."

The department is asking veterans to call 1-877-OHIO-VET to get connected to their county veterans service office and their benefits.

Ohio's veteran population crosses all adult age, geographic and socioeconomic categories and many of them are not aware of the benefits they have earned with their military service.

These benefits may enable a veteran to pay for higher education, purchase a

home or get help treating a medical condition. Ohio veterans are eligible for these and a multitude of other benefits.

Traveling wall exhibit coming to Pickerington

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display at American Legion Post 283 in Pickerington, Ohio, Nov. 10-15. The post's Honor Guard will host opening ceremonies at 1 p.m. Nov. 10, after which the wall will be open 24 hours a day for viewing.

This will be the wall's only visit to Ohio this year.

The Post is located at 7725 Refugee Road in Pickerington. For more information, call 614-837-0755.

State, federal agencies urge citizen preparedness

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide coordinated effort to encourage citizens to be prepared for emergencies. During the month, the Ohio Department of Public Safety will be leading a statewide coordinated campaign with a variety of national, state and local partners.

This year marks the seventh annual National Preparedness Month and its focus is on encouraging citizens to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness.

The campaign is an initiative of the federal Department of Homeland Security sponsored by FEMA's "Ready" campaign and Citizen Corps. Visit Ready-Ohio's web site at www.ready.ohio.gov for safety and preparedness information on incidents that typically occur in Ohio.

Mission in Iraq has new name

Effective Sept. 1, the name of Operation Iraqi Freedom has been changed to Operation New Dawn. According to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, "aligning the name change with the change of mission sends a strong signal that Operation Iraqi Freedom has ended and our forces are operating under a new mission."

The change also "presents opportunities to synchronize strategic communications initiatives, reinforce our commitment to honor the Security Agreement, and recognize our evolving relationship with the Government of Iraq," the memo states.

The U.S. military combat mission in Iraq officially ended Aug. 31, more than seven years after they first entered the country. About 50,000 U.S. troops are expected to remain in the country through the end of 2011 in an unofficial capacity.

OBITUARIES

Lila May Aldenderfer

Lila May Aldenderfer, 86, died Sept. 1. Ms. Aldenderfer retired after a 33-year career in federal service at Fort Hayes Army Base, DCSC and Lockbourne Air Force Base.

Helen Carroll

Helen Carroll, 86, died Aug. 22 at home. Ms. Carroll was retired from DCSC after 40 years of service.

Quentin Herman Comeans

Quentin Herman Comeans, 88, died Sept. 6 at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, Ohio. Mr. Comeans was retired from DSCC.

Thomas Jacob Farr

Thomas Jacob Farr, 87, of New Tampa, Fla., formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died Aug. 25 in Tampa, Fla. Mr. Farr was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and later worked for the Department of Defense for 43 years, retiring as an inventory manager.

Helen Jean Green Halstead

Helen Jean Green Halstead, 81, died Aug. 30 at her residence. Ms. Halstead was retired from DCSC.

Forrest Edward Kronk

Forrest Edward Kronk, 88, of Whitehall, died Sept. 2. Mr. Kronk was a World War II veteran and was retired from Newark Air Force Station.

August "Gus" R. Lombardo

August "Gus" R. Lombardo, 87, died Sept. 2 at Mt.

Carmel East Hospital. Mr. Lombardo was a U.S. Navy veteran and was retired from DCSC after 40 years of federal service.

Genevieve A. "Geni" Steward McBride

Genevieve A. "Geni" Steward McBride, 88, died Aug. 27. Ms. McBride was retired from the Social Security Administration.

Robert Emery Parsons

Robert Emery Parsons, 92, died Sept. 6. Mr. Parsons was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired as chief of the Systems and Programming Division at DCSC in 1978.

Wilford Howard "Bill" Smith

Wilford Howard "Bill" Smith, died Aug. 22 at Friendship Village in Columbus. Mr. Smith was a World War II Coast Guard veteran and retired from DCSC.

Eloise K. Sterner

Eloise K. Sterner, 87, died Sept. 6 at her home. Ms. Sterner was retired from DCSC as a computer programmer after 27 years of service.

Jack Eugene "Lefty" Wollett

Jack Eugene "Lefty" Wollett, 87, died Aug. 24. Mr. Wollett was a World War II veteran, earning the Purple Heart, and was retired from DCSC after 30 years of service.

Secretary of Defense outlines efficiencies initiatives

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert Gates is putting meat on the bones of his initiative to reform the way the Pentagon does business and to eliminate duplicative, unnecessary overhead costs.

During a Pentagon news conference Aug. 9, Gates said the steps he is taking will help the U.S. military fight the wars it faces now and help ready the force for the wars it may face in the future. With these moves, the secretary said, he wants to instill a culture of saving in the department.

Money saved with these efficiencies will go back into funding needed military capabilities.

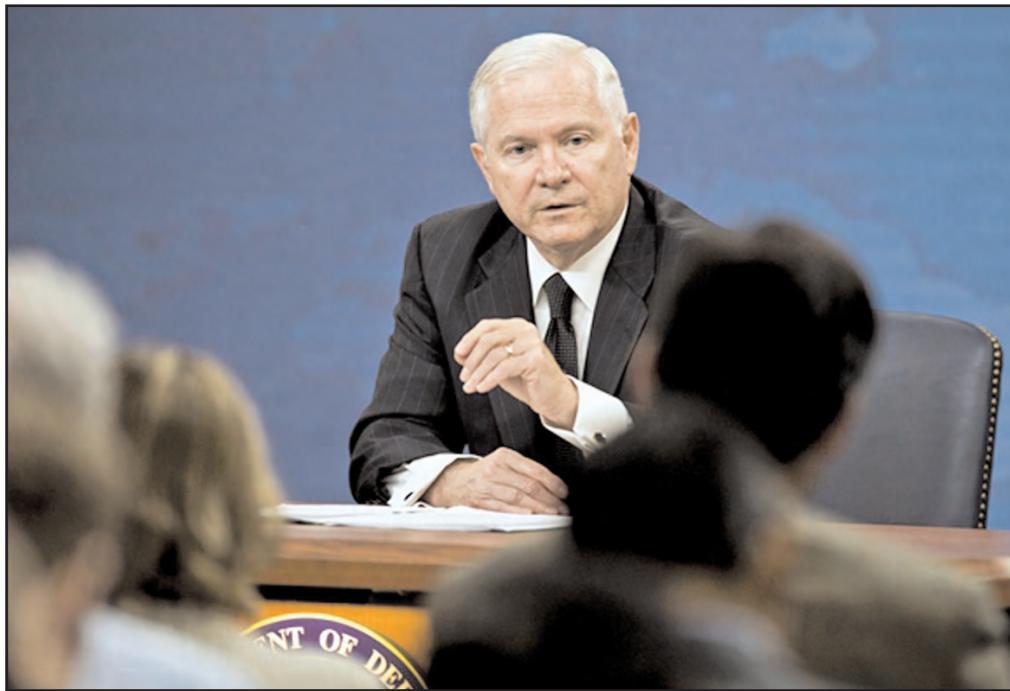
"To be clear, the task before us is not to reduce the department's top-line budget," Gates said. "Rather, it is to significantly reduce its excess overhead costs and apply the savings to force structure and modernization."

President Barack Obama has programmed in real growth of between 1 and 2 percent into future years' defense budgets, but that is not enough to maintain today's warfighting capabilities and modernize, which requires roughly 2 to 3 percent real growth. The savings in overhead are crucial to making up that difference, Gates said.

Earlier this year, the secretary tasked the services to find \$100 billion in overhead savings during the next five years.

"This exercise is well under way, as the services are evaluating their programs and activities to identify what remains a critical priority and what is no longer affordable," he said. "They are all planning to eliminate headquarters that are no longer needed and reduce the size of the staffs that remain."

Gates also authorized the services to consider consolidation or closure of excess bases and other



(Photo by Cherie Cullen)

Defense Secretary Robert Gates conducts a news conference at the Pentagon Aug. 9. Gates said he is taking steps to help the U.S. military fight the wars it faces now and help ready the force for the wars it may face in the future. With these moves, the secretary said, he wants to instill a culture of saving in the department.

facilities. It is a measure of Gates' determination to save money that he has proposed this, he noted, since Congress has made it almost impossible to close bases.

"But hard is not impossible, and I hope Congress will work with us to reduce unnecessary costs in this part of the defense enterprise," he said.

The secretary also announced a number of immediate steps he will take. Gates said he will reduce the funding for support contractor personnel by 10 percent a year for the next three years. Gates is freezing the number of Office of the Secretary of Defense, defense agency and combatant command manpower positions at the fiscal 2010 levels for the next three years. He said this is just a first step to studying these leadership organizations.

"We will conduct a 'clean-sheet review' to determine what our people should be doing, where, at what level of rank in keeping with the

department's most critical priorities," he said.

He is also freezing the number of senior Defense Department leaders at fiscal 2010 levels. He will appoint a senior task force to assess the number of positions for general and flag officers, Senior Executive Service employees and political appointees.

"At a minimum, I expect this effort to cut at least 50 general and flag officer positions and 150 senior civilian executive positions over the next two years," he said.

Gates also pushed the potential for economies of scale, especially in the information technology arena.

"All of our bases, operational headquarters and defense agencies have their own IT infrastructures, processes and application-ware," Gates said. "This decentralized approach results in large cumulative costs and a patchwork of capabilities that create cyber vulnerabilities and limit our ability to capital-

ize on the promise of information technology."

The secretary directed the department to increase the use of common information technology functions.

The Pentagon is awash in reports; the secretary is freezing the overall number of required oversight reports, and he will immediately cut by a quarter the money allocated to the effort. The department similarly has a number of boards and commissions that have outlived their usefulness. He directed that the department eliminate those boards no longer needed and an overall funding cut of 25 percent for these boards.

The secretary also is looking for efficiencies in the department's intelligence apparatus. He has directed an immediate 10

percent reduction in funding for intelligence advisory and assistance contracts and a freeze in the number of Senior Executive Service positions. He also is moving to end needless duplication in the intelligence business.

"I have directed a zero-based review of the department's intelligence missions, organizations, relationships and contracts to be completed by Nov. 1," Gates said.

James Clapper, the new director of national intelligence, has expressed interest in doing the same for civilian intelligence organizations, the secretary said.

Finally, the secretary is closing two defense offices and recommending the closure of a combatant command. The secretary is eliminating the offices of the assistant secretary of defense for network integration and the Joint Staff's section for command, con-

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Cody's philosophy involves empowering associates to attain goals

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A division chief in Maritime Customer Operations was recently named Supervisor of the Month for June at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime.

As the Maritime Industrial and Army/Navy Foreign Military Sales Support and Item Planning Division Chief, Shawn Cody oversees more than 60 associates on seven different teams that support customers such as Navy shipyards, regional maintenance cells and sub-surface and surface warfare centers.

"I dabble in a lot of different things every day," he said.

As a supervisor, Cody said his philosophy is to empower associates "to do the work we ask them to do and provide the necessary tools to accomplish that goal" of ultimately supporting the warfighter.

Cody, who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime for 18 years, said he wants his employees to come to him with any challenges they are facing, but added that, "they're the ones with all the knowledge and skills to get the job done and a lot of times, the solution to a problem comes from the end users on the floor."



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)
Shawn Cody (left), a division chief in Maritime Customer Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for June from DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClagherty. He was recognized at the Aug. 20 Supervisors Call in the Building 20 auditorium.

Maritime Customer Operations deputy director Deborah Haven lauded Cody's leadership style while filling in as acting deputy director of Maritime Customer Operations on short notice earlier this year.

"He covered the day-to-day issues as well as maintained his challenging industrial support workload," she stated. "During this time period, he never broke a sweat and

never missed a deadline."

Cody, a Cleveland native who lives in Westerville, Ohio, was also recognized for a successful initiative to incorporate new metrics across four Navy shipyards that are part of his purview.

"The result was a more value added, standardized and actionable metric reporting process that will benefit the customer while focusing DLA's ability to provide aggressive

support to them," Haven stated.

She also noted that Cody took a leadership role in the development of minesweeper and patrol boat forecasts to ensure the successful support for this new work for Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and also took the lead to resolve Continuous Maintenance Availabilities support for the Virginia-class submarines at Pearl Harbor and Portsmouth Naval Shipyards.

"His efforts have resulted in improved asset pre-positioning and expanded range and depth of stock to better support subsequent CMAV evolutions directly contributing to an improved readiness posture for this strategic platform," Haven said.

Cody was also recognized for his good communication skills and his stewardship of financial resources.

Cody has a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Akron and a master's degree in business administration from Franklin University.

At work he is co-chair of the Supply Management Council and chair of the Demand Planning Working Group.

When he's not at work, Cody is usually involved in his four children's softball activities.

Maritime supervisor aims at establishing clear goals for associates

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A quality assurance supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations was recently named the Supervisor of the Month for July at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime.

Chris Zahnow supervises 13 product specialists on three different teams, the Powered Valves, Marine Hardware and NRP Integrated Support teams. His teams oversee high-profile Navy programs including the 21N program that supports nuclear reactors for Navy submarines and the ALRE arresting cable system for Navy aircraft carriers.

As a supervisor, Zahnow said his philosophy is to establish clear goals, lead, motivate, encourage, recognize and reward.

"I try to give my team space and not micromanage," he said. "Everybody on the team realizes the importance of what we do and that we're under a microscope because of the items we manage."

Zahnow said his associates take

this responsibility seriously and always respond accordingly.

"I couldn't ask for a better team," he said. "I feel fortunate to supervise this group of people."

Rhonda Blum and other members of his teams, who nominated Zahnow for the award, said he brought in a "unique and vibrant style of managing us," and that his leadership style has helped create a solid unit with commitment to the mission.

"His leadership has created stability through changing times and adversity," his nomination states. "Chris's ability to grow with his team and manage us accordingly shows how much of a leader he is."

Under Zahnow's leadership, the 21N program has maintained the 95 percent stocking level required by the Navy for years. He has also maintained a strategic focus on other important weapon system programs.

"Chris has earned a reputation of strategy, execution and persistence," his nomination states. "His focus never waivers, and customers routinely contact Chris directly for



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)
Chris Zahnow (right), a first line supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for July from DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClagherty. Zahnow was recognized at the Aug. 20 Supervisors Call in the Building 20 auditorium.

a myriad of resolutions."

Zahnow was also recognized for his professionalism, his stewardship excellence and his communication skills.

Zahnow has 30 years of federal service, including 12 years of active

duty service in the Air Force, for which he was an F-16 avionics test station and component specialist. He has been employed by DLA since 1992.

His hobbies away from work include golfing and classic cars.

Heritage celebration important to DFAS Hispanic employees

By Alex Diaz
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The National Hispanic Heritage month, which is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, has given many Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus Hispanic Americans time to reflect on their journey and their employment with the federal government.

Many view it as a transition and "fusion" of knowledge and values. By learning how to overcome cultural barriers, these employees have moved forward within DFAS.

Supporting each other is crucial among the Hispanic community and they manage to do this regardless of the situation. With the support received from the Hispanic community, the cultural transition to DFAS Columbus has been a positive one for many Hispanic employees.

Nelson Vargas, a lead mail clerk at DFAS Columbus, served during the Vietnam War before landing a job with the Defense Supply Center Columbus in 1982. He served as the first Hispanic in security and the only Hispanic at the Defense Distribution Depot Columbus.

"I faced many challenges, but that did not stop me from excelling and adapting to the work culture and moving forward," said Vargas, who is from Puerto Rican descent.

That determination landed him a job at DFAS Columbus in 1997; since 1999, he has been a key leader for the DFAS Columbus mailroom.

To learn how to overcome cultural barriers by adapt-

ing to a new surrounding, Hispanic Americans have to be driven and Victor Guilfu, an accounting technician in the Site Support Division at DFAS Columbus, personifies that.

Guilfu comes from a hard working blue-collar family that insisted he attend school.

"I found a way to pay for college by enlisting into the Air National Guard and eventually graduated from Kent State University in Akron," Guilfu said.

Since his arrival at DFAS Columbus, Guilfu has decided to continue his education and is working to enhance his skills at DFAS.

"DFAS has given me the opportunity to continue my education with programs such as tuition assistance and book reimbursement. I know DFAS takes education seriously, and I continue to take advantage of it," he said.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Mardia Burgos, an accountant for the Debt Management Office, plans to reflect on her roots and how she became a federal employee.

"Growing up in Puerto Rico gave me the opportunity to study and dream big by always working hard for what I wanted: To be a professional and here I am as an accountant for the Department of Defense," Burgos said.

"Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates our roots, and is an opportunity to share with others our traditions and the pride we feel for Hispanics that have made a change in history such as military members, actors and actresses and athletes," she added.

Adalberto "Albert" Garcia, an accountant at DFAS



(DFAS photo by Tom Casasanta)

Hispanic women who work at DFAS Columbus include (seated from left) Yoely Perez, Mardia Burgos, Angela Orban and Ginnette Franceschi; and (standing from left) Maria Resto, Evelyn Soto and Aixa Rivera.



(DFAS photo by Tom Casasanta)

Hispanic men who work at DFAS Columbus include (seated from left) Adalberto Garcia, Nicholas Rangel, Nelson Vargas and Al Negron; and (standing from left) Gabriel Valencia, Victor Guilfu, Alex Diaz and Luis Berrios.

Columbus, was born and raised a native Texan. He has had the privilege of living in different places like Germany, Maine, Ohio and his favorite, Italy.

"Growing up in southern Texas and later in the U.S. Air Force, I learned to respect the laws and other peoples rights," Garcia

said.

"I am a third generation American and my hobby is tracing my family history," Garcia said proudly.

Gabriel Valencia, a financial systems specialist in Systems Operations at DFAS Columbus, believes that the Latino community at DFAS is a family within

a family.

"No matter what, they are always there to help you get acclimated to the agencies when you start, support you when you are down, and celebrate your accomplishments with you," said Valencia, whose heritage traces back to El Salvador.

Ohio veterans eligible to apply for service bonus payment

Due to a statewide ballot measure approved by Ohio voters in November 2009, the state of Ohio has announced a bonus for Ohio veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan.

Eligible veterans may receive

\$100 for each month of active duty service up to \$1,000. Eligible veterans serving on active duty elsewhere in the world during these wars may receive \$50 per month of service up to a maximum of \$500. An eligible veteran may combine their ser-

vice bonuses for a maximum payment of \$1,500.

Family members of deceased veterans may also be eligible for compensation.

Veterans can download the application or get more information at

www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov.

Applications are also available at any of Ohio's 88 county Veterans Services Offices, or call 1-877-OHIO VET to get a paper application. In most cases, applying online is the simplest

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Police captain selected DES July Associate of the Month

By Tony D'Elia
DLA Land and Maritime
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Capt. Michael Kenny, a shift captain and acting deputy chief of police at Defense Supply Center Columbus, was recently selected as the July Defense Logistics Agency Installation Support Associate of the Month.

As the acting deputy chief of police, Kenny has been called upon several times to fill in for the absence of the police chief to ensure completion of the daily operations of the DSCC Police Department. As the shift captain, he has

been given credit for setting high standards for himself and his subordinates, especially in the area of work performance and appearance.

"Captain Kenny's work ethic and his 'lead by example' approach have instilled a sense of team pride into the police department," police chief Mike Mobley said. "He makes every effort to bring the department together as a whole, rather than the stigma of day shift and night shift being two separate entities of the department. He constantly works with the night shift captain to ensure there is an even flow of communications between the two shifts."

Upon arrival at the DSCC Police Department, Kenny has made some positive changes to the department's standard operating procedures. He introduced



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)

Police captain Michael Kenny (left) receives the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Associate of the Month award for July from site director Kenny Youn.

and implemented hands-on defensive tactic training specifically designed for weapon retention techniques. This potentially life

saving training is now given to all newly hired police officers. Other beneficial changes that not only affected customer service,

but also public safety, were modifications in regards to traffic stops and alarm responses.

Kenny is also given credit for spearheading the relationship between the department and the Ohio National Guard. The addition of numerous OHNG units on the DSCC installation has increased the police department's mission tempo and expectation of support.

He has played an integral role in supporting all OHNG requests for assistance, which enabled the OHNG to fully meet its mission requirements.

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students, made an unsuccessful attempt to enter Central High School Sept. 4, 1957. A mob of people surrounded the school and prevented the nine students from entering.

The following day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent U.S. Army soldiers to accompany the students to school as protection for the entire school year.

"The Little Rock Nine changed the perception of race, equality and quality of education for everyone in the United States and impacted many countries around the world," said Charles Hill, a supervisory accounting technician in Accounts Payable at DFAS Columbus who is a former co-worker of Thomas.

"Jeff's actions during that time of civil rights upheaval not only had an impact in his community, but, the impact was felt globally," Hill said. "There are so many people around the world that have praised Jeff and his schoolmates for their bravery."

Thomas graduated from Central High School in 1960 and entered Wayne State University in Detroit. In 1961, he relocated to Los Angeles State College in California, and became treasurer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Youth Council and state president of the Progressive Baptist Youth Convention. While at Los Angeles State College, he also served as president of the Associated Engineers. After receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration, Thomas served in the Army as an infantry squad leader during the Vietnam War.

Before beginning his 27-year federal government career, Thomas lived in

California and worked for Mobil Oil. Eventually, Thomas took the civil service exam and relocated to Columbus with his wife, Mary. He then enjoyed a 16-year career with DFAS.

Throughout his life and after his experience in Little Rock, Thomas was involved with life-long work in community service, promoting equal rights and supporting young people in seeking higher education.

Thomas served as a volunteer mentor in the Village to Child Program, which was sponsored by Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. Thomas later received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Ohio Dominican in 2001 for his life-long work in promoting human rights and equality advancement.

Thomas was also a frequent speaker at high schools and college institutions across the country. He received numerous awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal from President Bill Clinton in 1999.

Thomas and the other members of the Little Rock

Nine received the NAACP's Spingarn Award in 1999 for their bravery and heroism throughout Central High School's first year of integration. The state of Arkansas also honored the Little Rock Nine in 2005, with statues of their likeness on the Capitol grounds.

According to Earl Nicks, a current contractor at DFAS Arlington and former director of customer service at DFAS Columbus, Thomas taught him many things and left a lasting impression on him, as well as the country.

"I learned to be a leader from him by using quiet strength," Nicks said. "He was a very quiet man but one of tremendous strength and character. I hope that I have included those values in my character today. He was also a 'paver' for civil rights in this country. Now, we all have the opportunity to be anything or anyone we want to be, thanks to the opportunity for equal education, and especially thanks to Jefferson Thomas."

Columbus civilian deployer representing DLA in Europe

A civilian deployer from Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime has been serving as DLA's "eyes forward" in Europe supporting the warfighter and multinational forces located there.

Frances Quinones has been the DLA Area Representative at DLA Support Team-Kosovo at Camp Bondsteel. She arrived earlier this year and is expected to return to Columbus by the end of September.

Quinones' office is located within the Multinational Battle Group-East (MNBG-E) S4, Material Management Center.

Her mission as the DLAAR is to anticipate support requirements and assist in overcoming logistical challenges.

"I am DLA's eyes forward, providing a DLA face to the warfighter to come to for all DLA related issues," she said. "I primarily assist customers in ordering, tracking and receiving the DLA-managed commodities of Class I, IV and IX, which are sourced from DLA supply centers and issued from DLA depots or DLA Central Region forward

stocked assets and prime vendors."

Quinones also works closely with other support agencies in supporting MNBG-E. The U.S.-led task force is commanded by Col. Francisco Neuman and is comprised of more than 1,200 soldiers, including service members from Greece, Poland, Ukraine and Turkey.

The charter mission of MNBG-E is maintaining a safe and secure environment and providing freedom of movement for the people in Kosovo.

"An essential role of the DLAAR is expediting critical items for MNBG-E customers, which I have reach-back support from DLA-Europe and Africa to assist with support," she said. "In addition, I am assisting the MNBG-E planners in their 'right sizing' initiative to draw down forces in Kosovo, in preparation for the hand-off to Kosovo Forces.

As part of her job responsibilities, Quinones helped coordinate a quarterly visit to MNBG-E by DLA Europe and Africa Commander Army Col.



(DLA photo)

DLA Land and Maritime associate Frances Quinones (center) is the DLA Area Representative at DLA Support Team-Kosovo at Camp Bondsteel. With her are DLA Europe and Africa Commander Army Col. Derek S. Smith (left) and Army Maj. Octave McDonald.

Derek Smith. The June 21-23 visit included stops at Camp Bondsteel, the Kosovo Ministry of Customs and the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, with discussions at each stop focusing on DLA-EA support.

According to Maj. Octave "Mac" MacDonald, the trip was very positive with no significant DLA support issues identified. Representatives of organizations visited at each stop spoke positively of Quinones and DLA's support.

"My job as the DLAAR

has been very challenging, but also very rewarding," Quinones said. "Although it's a continual learning process, you must be ready to provide the best support to the customer possible."

Quinones said time has gone by very fast since arriving in Kosovo.

Quinones said the weather varies greatly in Kosovo, with temperatures in the teens with heavy snow in the

winter to balmy summers that can reach the 100s. The most difficult part of her deployment has been the separation from home and family.

"It makes me appreciate how valuable and important the time spent with your loved ones," she said.

IT'S A DATE

September 2010

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month begins

Sept. 17 - DLA Land and Maritime/DFAS POW/MIA Day Commemoration, 10 a.m., Weapons Park Pavilion

Sept. 17 - Yom Kippur begins at sunset

Sept. 18 - U.S. Air Force's 63rd birthday

Sept. 20 - DLA Land and Maritime Air Force birthday celebration, 11 a.m., Building 20 auditorium

Sept. 21 - International Day of Peace

Sept. 23 - Fall begins

Sept. 24 - Armed Services Blood Program Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

Sept. 24 - DLA Land and

Maritime Change of Command ceremony, 10 a.m., Building 20 auditorium

October 2010

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Disability Awareness Month

National Red Ribbon Campaign

Oct. 1 - DLA Land and Maritime Combined Federal Campaign begins

Oct. 8 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

Oct. 11 - Columbus Day observance

Oct. 13 - U.S. Navy's 235th birthday

Navy Reservists at DLA Land and Maritime support Pacific region exercise

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

A team of Navy Reservists from Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime joined the DLA-Pacific team for a month this summer supporting Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2010 in Hawaii.

A total of 10 sailors from DLA-Logistics Assistance Team Columbus supported the world's largest international maritime exercise from July 9 to Aug. 6.

The LAT is the Navy Reserve unit assigned to DLA Land and Maritime. Its mission is varied but its members mainly do customer account specialist work for the Maritime Supply Chain.

Working with Defense Depot Pearl Harbor (DDPH), DLA-LAT members participated in an operation involving 14 nations, 34 ships, five submarines, more than 100 aircraft and 20,000 personnel.

Team members received shipments, processed packages, organized warehouse functions and created training and audit procedures that directly impacted the Pacific Fleet Command and increased the operational efficiency of DDPH.

The projects on which they worked included assisting SeaBees in the building of an access controlled storage facility for classified materials, ensur-



LS1 Brenda Ponce, CS2 Lori Barnett, LS2 Katherine Hoops and Lt. j.g. Virgil Chapman get a tour of the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) from Seaman Droz. The sailors of DLA-LAT received, manifested and shipped hundreds of items for the Reagan during RIMPAC 2010.

(Photos by Navy ABHC Alex Bell)

ing ships and shore locations received parts and packages in a timely manner in support of RIMPAC, verifying 1,063 line items in two warehouse locations for expired manufacturer dates on \$13 million worth of high priority parts, and supporting the Emergency Supply Operations Center (ESOC) office by providing tracking, stock checking and high priority requisition processing in support of the RIMPAC exercise.

The DLA-LAT members provided 1,192 hours of contributory support to DDPH and RIMPAC 2010. They were originally scheduled to leave July 25, but DDPH officials requested that they extend through Aug. 6 in order to provide additional assistance through the final days of RIMPAC.

The team's commanding officer is Cmdr. Pete Lawless. The executive officer is Stephanie Lawless and the senior enlisted advisor is ABHC Alex Bell.

Others who participated in the training exercise were LS2 Christopher Banning, LS2 Lori Barnett, Lt. j.g. Virgil Chapman, LS1 Douglas Grace, MM3 Raphael Guignipena, LS1 James Hershberger, LS2 Katherine Hoops, LS1 Brenda Ponce and PS3 Debra Warden.

RIMPAC is the world's largest multinational maritime, land and air training exercise. This year's exercise marks the 22nd iteration and is themed "Combined Agility, Synergy and Support." The exercise is intended to increase tactical operational proficiency of the units involved while enhancing military-to-military relations and interoperability, officials said.



LS2 Lori Barnett cuts an angle iron beam for the construction of an Access Controlled Storage Facility at Defense Depot Pearl Harbor (DDPH) during RIMPAC 2010.



Civilian DDPH employee George Smith instructs MM3 Rafael Guignipena on the use of a hand-held scanner in the Defense Depot Pearl Harbor (DDPH) receiving warehouse during RIMPAC 2010.



LS2 Katherine Hoops checks inventory in one of the Defense Depot Pearl Harbor (DDPH) warehouses during RIMPAC 2010.



Lt. j.g. Virgil Chapman trains DDPH civilians in preparation for an upcoming audit during RIMPAC 2010.

Equality

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executive director, League of Women Voters of Ohio; Kristina Redgrave, assistant director, Governor's Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach, TaKeysha Sheppard-Cheney, founder, publisher/CEO, The Women's Book; Mysheika LeMaile-Williams, M.D., MPH Medical Director/Assistant Health Commissioner, Columbus Public Health Department; Ohio Rep. Nancy Garland and DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office manager Charles Palmer.

Susan McKee, associate counsel, DLA Land and Maritime Office of Counsel, served as the facilitator for the event, which featured each panelist answering a question they had received prior to the event that focused on their area of expertise, followed by an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

During the question and answer period, the panelists were asked how men can support women and the issues they face.

"Approach every issue as if you were doing it for your daughter, your wife, your sister, your mother," Reese replied. "If you do that, I think we'll all be better off."

Howard Heard from the Franklin County Board of Elections was also present in the auditorium lobby offering attendees the opportunity to register to vote.

DLA Land and Maritime Chief of Staff Air Force Col. Dan Hicks, who provided welcoming remarks, and Federal Women's Program chapter president Debra Hobbs both thanked the panelists for participating in the discussion.

"We appreciate that you're willing to clear your schedule and be here with us today," Hicks said.

Each participant received a certificate of appreciation before the event ended.



(DLA photos by Rachel Kocin)

Above, TaKeysha Sheppard-Cheney (center) discusses *The Women's Book*, an online guide for women-owned businesses and women's issues, during a panel discussion that was part of the Women's Equality Day celebration on the DSCC installation. Listening are fellow panel members Mysheika LeMaile-Williams (left), M.D., of the Columbus Public Health Department, and Deidra Reese, executive director, League of Women Voters of Ohio. In the photo below, Charles Palmer (left), manager of the DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office, discusses his office's emphasis on increasing diversity in the workforce while Derek Saunders of DLA Human Resources Center-Columbus and Kristina Redgrave, assistant director, Governor's Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach, listen.



Efficiencies

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trol, communications and computer systems.

"Their operational functions will be assigned to other organizations, and most of their acquisition functions will transfer to acquisition, technology and logistics," Gates said.

Gates also will eliminate the Business Transformation Agency. The agency - with 360 people and a budget of \$340 million - will transfer responsibilities to other offices.

The secretary is recommending eliminating U.S. Joint Forces Com-

mand. The command is the arbiter and proponent for joint training, doctrine and operations in the military, he said, but it means an extra layer in the bureaucracy. It is one of five four-star commands that need to be involved in sending a military working dog team to Afghanistan, Gates said during a speech in Abilene, Kan., earlier this year.

But driven by joint experience in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world, the secretary noted, the need for such a joint advocate has less-

ened. Training and generating joint forces still is important, as is developing and testing joint doctrine. But it does not "require a separate four-star combatant command, which, in the case of (Joint Forces Command) entails about 2,800 military and civilian positions and roughly 3,000 contractors of all kinds at an annual cost of at least \$240 million to operate," Gates said.

The secretary said the department will help employees affected by these closings.



(DLA photo)

Paul Plevich, a former Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime associate, displays some MRAP parts that are stored at the Deployable Distribution Expeditionary Depot, a new temporary depot that opened recently in Kandahar and serves as an extension of DLA's reach to support the warfighter.

New depot opens in Afghanistan

Paul Plevich, a former Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime associate, recently issued the first part to a customer from the Deployable Distribution Expeditionary Depot (DDED), a new temporary depot that opened recently in Kandahar and serves as an extension of DLA's reach to support the warfighter.

The facility consists of four buildings and some outside storage that together provide a total of 172,000 square feet of storage to support the warfighter.

DLA Land and Maritime personnel iden-

tified 6,200 NIINs to store in the new depot, including 1,200 items for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. Items predominantly include Class IV and Class IX DLA materiel only.

"It's wholesale support at the very tip of the spear," said John Dreska, DLA MRAP project manager.

The new depot uses stackable racks called Nestainers that hold binnable materiel. The Nestainers can be loaded with palletized or hand-loaded materials and stacked onto another Nestainer.

'We are DLA' initiative means changes to agency contracts

By Dianne Ryder
DLA Strategic Communications

With the Defense Logistics Agency's "We Are DLA" initiative, which renamed the agency's field activities to clearly identify each as a part of DLA, well under way, officials are looking to the next critical piece of the effort, updating contracting systems and documents.

"We were advised that the initiative was to be executed with resource stewardship at the forefront of all decisions," said Sherry Savage, chief of DLA Acquisition's Business Office.

The effort includes technical updates to internal and external guidance, such as the Defense Logistics Acquisition Directive, and system revisions to reflect the new naming conventions. External updates include changes to the Defense Department's Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement and the systems used to advertise DLA procurements and announce the resulting contract awards.

"This was not intended to be a 'flick of the switch' execution. Given all the inter-related systems, we need (time) to make sure that all the necessary changes are made," Savage said.

In addition, she added, the packaging and marking data within DLA systems must be updated to comply with "We Are DLA" guidance.

James Barnard, the new deputy director of DLA Acquisition, agreed.

"We've got to change all the names in all the systems that talk to each other, (such as the) contract writing systems," he said.

Documentation has been submitted to the

Defense Acquisition Regulatory Council so that all references to DLA in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement can be updated, Barnard said.

Committee representatives from DLA and each of the services who usually work on policy changes as a result of new laws will be working these administrative changes for DLA's internal systems, Barnard said.

His staff is coordinating system updates with DLA Information Operations personnel.

"Our internal (systems) shouldn't be too bad because really it's just a search and replace. ... (The changes) will probably happen as fast as folks can change the code," he said.

For example, all instances of Defense Supply Center Richmond that are coded into the agency's systems now must be changed to DLA Aviation.

"It's probably going to be a few months, because you've got various people who own the systems, not all of them within control of DLA, or (even) within the control of the Department of Defense," he said.

In particular, Barnard mentioned the Central Contractor Registration System, where vendors interested in doing business with DLA register.

The U.S. General Services Administration manages both the Federal Business Opportunities website where solicitations are advertised and the Federal Procurement Data System, which records all federal government contracts. As soon as DLA submits the change request, GSA will prioritize projects according to their funding schedule, Barnard said.



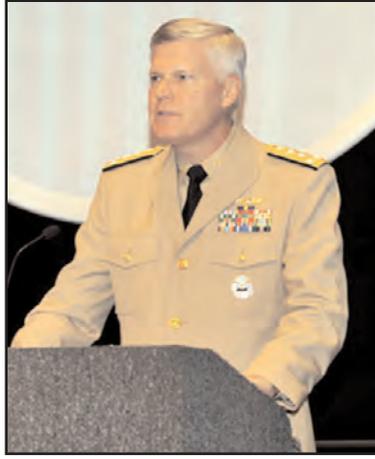
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McGuire named DISA Associate of the Quarter

James McGuire (left) receives the DISA Columbus Associate of the Quarter award from deputy site director Don Maurer.

Director says DLA working to ensure 'every dollar counts'

By Elaine Wilson
 American Forces Press Service



(DLA photo by Brian Settlege)

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson says his agency is working to cut costs and boost efficiency.

The Defense Logistics Agency is taking steps to cut costs and boost efficiency as part of a larger effort to reform the way the Pentagon does business, defense officials said Aug. 25 at the DLA Enterprise Suppliers Conference and Exhibition in Columbus.

"We recognize that we are asking the U.S. Congress and American people for a lot of money to maintain our national security," Robert F. Hale, the Defense Department's comptroller and chief financial officer, told reporters during a teleconference. "We've got to make sure every dollar counts."

Earlier in August, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates laid out his plans to reform the way the Pentagon does business and to eliminate duplicative, unnecessary costs. Among his directives, the secretary tasked the services and defense agencies to achieve up to a \$100 billion in overhead savings during the next five years.

Joining Hale on the call, Navy Vice Adm. Alan S. Thompson, director of DLA, outlined the steps his agency is taking to comply with Gates' initiative.

"Warfighter support is our organization's primary focus, but along with that comes the need to deliver products and services efficiently and to reduce prices," he said. DLA has taken several steps toward that end, he added, with additional actions planned for upcoming months.

Thompson said DLA will pursue price reductions as much as 10 percent in select areas by providing a greater focus on reasonable prices, incorporating price reduction factors in strategic sourcing opportunities and establishing more long-term contracts.

The agency also will work to improve business efficiency by enhancing documentation to ensure "non-conforming" and counterfeit

parts don't enter the Defense Department's supply chain, the admiral said. The Defense Department has a "zero tolerance policy" for suppliers that provide counterfeit parts, and while the majority of suppliers are above board, the agency must weed the others out, he added.

Thompson also touched on a new enterprise business system that's enabling DLA to do a better job of demand planning and forecasting. The enterprise business system, he explained, is the "engine" the DLA uses to run.

"We don't want to underbuy, [and] we don't want to overbuy," he said. "This adds extra costs to our supply chain."

On the information technology front, the agency plans to use a procurement module, called e-procurement, to replace its legacy contract writing capability, Thompson said, and it also plans to merge a number of legacy information technology systems.

An operational evaluation team also is looking to reduce the risk of procurement fraud by seeking potential vulnerabilities and developing risk-mitigation strategies, Thompson noted.

"As a result of the team's work, we've implemented several actions to tighten up our acquisition processes," he said. To leverage buying power, the agency is consolidating purchases across the agency rather than entering into separate,

smaller contracts, the admiral explained.

Also, agency officials are meeting with more than a thousand DLA suppliers and potential suppliers to discuss the need to work together to cut costs and increase efficiencies. DLA is a high-volume organization, Thompson noted, executing more than 10,000 contract actions daily.

DLA has a history of continuous cost reduction, Thompson said, but it will redouble its efforts to meet Gates' initiative.

"We're focused on warfighter support and, frankly, good stewardship of American taxpayer dollars," he said. "We're going to hold support to the warfighter constant at the very high level we've been providing in recent years."

Bonus payment

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and fastest option.

Once veterans complete the application form, they'll need to print, sign and mail the application along with required supporting documentation through the U.S. Postal Service. The signed application must be "notarized" or "acknowledged" and mailed to: Ohio Veterans Bonus, P.O. Box 373, Sandusky, Ohio, 44871.

Veterans may be eligible for a bonus if they served in the United States armed forces on active duty anywhere in the world for purposes

other than training between Aug. 2, 1990, and March 3, 1991, or any time since October 7, 2001.

To be eligible for a bonus, a veteran must have been an Ohio resident at the start of active duty service and also must be an Ohio resident when he or she applies for the bonus.

Veterans should receive a bonus payment about eight weeks after they submit a completed and correct application. More information is available at www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov.



(Photo by John Ramos)

Associates donate supplies to local school

Associates across the DSCC installation joined together to donate more than 7,000 individual items for use by students at Broadleigh Elementary School, DSCC's partner school. A collection drive was held Aug. 12-26 and the supplies were delivered to the school Aug. 27. Above, (from left) Paul Ocasio, Debbie Poling, Robbie Hensley and Kimberley Saunders unload boxes of donated items at the school. Some of the items that were collected included 2,444 pencils, 1,796 erasers, 575 boxes of crayons, 104 boxes of tissues, 96 hand sanitizers, 793 spiral notebooks, 861 bottles of glue, 146 pairs of scissors, 432 folders, 502 pens and 235 markers. Leading the collection drive were Hensley and Carla Woolford of DFAS Columbus, Poling of DLA Land and Maritime and John Ramos of DLA Training Center. A winter gear collection for students at the school will be held in December.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Wildcats come back to capture DSCC co-ed softball title

The Wildcats came out of the losers' bracket and defeated Speeds twice to claim the crown in the 13-team 2010 DSCC Co-ed Softball League tournament. Speeds, who sent the 'Cats to the losers bracket in its third game in the tournament, fell 13-6 in the championship game Aug. 16 at Whitehall Community Park.



Speeds' Mike Dill eyes an infield fly as Tony Cooper looks on.



Wildcats' Zach Kover heads for third while Ryan Collins (far left) makes the relay to Mike Dill.



Wildcats' Darren Baldogo rounds second and heads for third in the DSCC Coed Softball championship game Aug. 16 at Whitehall Community Park. Waiting for the throw from the outfield is Speeds' Heather Grace and Mike Dill. Right-fielder Rebekka Cooper looks on in the Wildcats 13-6 victory.



Cathy Gullett of the Wildcats takes a look at a Speeds pitch while catcher Cindy Sheets is on the ready.



Speeds shortstop Mike Dill (left) and second baseman Heather Grace (right) catch Trevor Sajdak in a rundown.

(DLA photos by Tony D'Elia)

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SPORTS AND LEISURE



(DLA photo by Dan Bell)

DFAS team wins Commander's Cup

A team of four DFAS Columbus employees won this year's Commander's Cup golf tournament, held Aug. 27 at the Eagle Eye Golf Course on the DSCC installation. Pictured above with the first-place trophy are winning team members (from left) Doug Lewis, Tod Billings, Scott Coburn and Andy Hewitt. The foursome had a winning score of 55, or 15 under par, using the best-ball scramble format for the 18-hole tourney. In the photo below, Janet Bunnell tees off on one of the holes as her J8C teammates (from left) Cindy Sheets, Santos Ortega and Mike Leitschuh watch. A total of 20 teams participated in the annual event. A team from Land Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime comprised of Army Col. Jeffrey Vieira, Missy Collinsworth, Dennis Todl and John Mets came in second place with a score of 58. Finishing third with a score of 60 was a team representing DLA Installation Support at Columbus comprised of Kenny Youn, John Yinger, Kevin Slatzer and Jim Homce.



(DLA photo by Brian Settlege)

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: J equals U

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Previous solution: "OUTSIDE OF A DOG, A BOOK IS A MAN'S BEST FRIEND, AND INSIDE OF A DOG, IT'S TOO DARK TO READ." - GROUCHO MARX

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'Heart-healthy' lunch, family picnic events offered

A Heart-Healthy Cookout will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Weapons Park for \$2 per person.

Featured fare will be grilled chicken and veggie wraps, pasta salad, fresh fruit, baked chips and drinks. Associates can also get a lesson in how to eat healthy from Amy Wild, a former chef at McConnell Heart Health Center.

The following Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon until 8 p.m., Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor a Family Picnic

and Hog Roast at Blacklick Woods Metro Park in Reynoldsburg.

Several family activities are planned such as kickball, corn hole and football. Miles of hiking and biking trails are available.

Dinner is at 3 p.m. and will consist of pulled pork sandwiches, fresh cut French fries, baked beans and coleslaw for \$3 per person. Youngsters under five are free.

For more information about either event, call the Fitness Center at 614-692-3084.

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Sept 17: Rib Night at the 19th Hole

Sept 18: Tar Hollow Hiking Trip

Sept 19: Stableford Golf Tournament

Sept 22: Heart Healthy Cookout

Sept 25: Family Picnic & Hog Roast

October

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Intramural Basketball Sign-Up Begins

Oct 2: CDC Family Picnic

Oct 2-3: Ryder Cup Golf Tournament

Oct 15: National Bosses Day; **Visit ITR!**

Oct 16-17: Zaleski Backpacking Trip

Oct 28: Associate Craft Show (Building 21)

Oct 29: Halloween at the 19th Hole

November

Nov 12: Thanksgiving at the 19th Hole

Nov 13-14: Commissary Site Sale

Nov 15: Associate Craft Show (Building 20)



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Agriculture Secretary visits central Ohio to highlight investments

By Weldon Freeman
U.S. Department
of Agriculture

LEWIS CENTER, Ohio - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently highlighted the Obama Administration's

commitment to building long-term economic growth though investments provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Vilsack visited an Ohio manufacturing company recently that is using

Recovery Act loan funds to provide jobs and opportunity by capitalizing on emerging energy and technology markets.

"NexTech Materials is a company on the cutting-edge of technology, creating the 21st century jobs consistent with Obama Administration efforts that are laying a new foundation for economic growth," Vilsack said. "USDA's Recovery Act loan programs will not only help the company retain and create good jobs but also help it continue to develop products and technologies that will move our nation into a clean energy future that conserves and protects our environment."

Located in Lewis Center, Ohio, in Delaware County, NexTech Materials Ltd., was selected to receive a \$214,300 loan guarantee. Established in 1994, the firm produces solid oxide fuel cells that convert hydrocarbon fuels to electricity. NexTech develops and commercializes unique



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products that enable energy conservation and reduced emissions for a wide range of power applications.

The company is

moving many of its products from the research and development stage, through prototype validation, and into manufacturing. NexTech partners with companies in many markets to develop innovative products that are marketed and sold worldwide.

USDA Rural Development's Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program received \$1.57 billion to help rural businesses stimulate their economies and support their communities. Eligible applicants include private businesses,

cooperative organizations, corporations, partnerships, non-profit groups, federally-recognized Indian tribes, public bodies and individuals. The funds are targeted to create and retain quality jobs and serve difficult-to-reach populations and areas hardest hit by the current economic downturn.

More information about USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$140 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Following are the standings after Sept. 8 play of the DSCC Sportsman's Golf League, which plays on Wednesday nights. Smokin Aces won the second half of the season and will play Jordan's for the championship.

(Week 20 of a 21-week schedule)

Team (Captain)	Points (Total)	Points (2nd half)
Smokin' Aces (Shawn Schartiger)	800	414
Jordan's (Tom LeFever)	852	413
Lightweights (Jim Homce)	812	412
B.I.G. (Dan Krist)	759	404
Plaid Ain't Bad (Chad Cantrell)	780	387
Mother Load (Dan Bell)	792	370

Best League Performances

Last Round	Season-To-Date
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