

# Happy 235th birthday, U.S. Marine Corps, Nov. 10

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(DLA photo by Charles Morris)

Injured employees scream for help just after a simulated explosion occurs near the cafeteria patio as dazed and confused personnel walk and sit in the background. The explosion and "victims" were part of Exercise Patio Blast, held Oct. 21-22 on the DSCC installation to test first responder capabilities.

## 'Patio Blast' exercise tests DSCC installation response capabilities

By John Foreman  
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

A terrorist threat, intelligence chatter, force protection elevations, explosion and smoke, injuries, initial response, building evacuation and accountability, and a Special Weapons and Tactics team were all part of Exercise Patio Blast held at the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation Oct. 21-22.

"This exercise was the largest of its kind ever attempted on a Defense Logistics Agency installation," said Mike Wood, DLA Installation Services at Columbus emergency manager. "For the first time, it involved every tenant organization on the installation. We incorporated a terrorist scenario that caused a



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

A sniper with the Whitehall Police Department SWAT team gets into position on top of the DFAS Columbus building during the exercise.

force protection escalation that escalated to a first responder exercise, with an evacuation of Building 20 and mass casualties. It really tested our ability to

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## Video to highlight test lab capabilities

By Dan Bender  
DLA Land and Maritime  
Public Affairs Office

The capabilities of the Defense Logistics Agency Product Test Center will be featured in video footage that was filmed Oct. 19-20 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Matthew "Reid" Bailey of the DLA Strategic Communications team and freelance contractor videographer Trudy Hutcherson spent the two days filming mechanical and electrical test lab employees doing

their jobs and interviewing a number of personnel for the video.

They were also at the Product Test Center's analytical lab in Philadelphia Oct. 27-28 to shoot footage of the work that goes on there.

Karen Culbertson, an engineer in the electronic test lab who coordinated the shoot, said the video footage will be used in three different ways.

One product will be a command video for internal use that showcases the test labs' capabilities.

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(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

Camera operator Trudy Hutcherson films Gary Culbertson, an electronics technician, as he tests transistors on the TESEC Spectra Semiconductor Test System. The Oct. 19 shoot was done in the DLA Product Test Center electronics lab in Building 11 on the DSCC installation.

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# Agriculture Secretary discusses loans, grants during Ohio visit

By Michael Jones  
U.S. Department  
of Agriculture

WOOSTER, Ohio - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced during an Oct. 26 visit to Ohio that USDA is providing loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and business owners across Ohio to enable them to reduce energy use and increase efficiency.

"These loan guarantees and grants will generate and save energy for Ohio's farmers and businesses for decades to come," Vilsack said. "Renewable energy systems like the biodigester that generates electricity for this research center are among the many ways USDA is helping the country become more energy independent."

The \$6 million in funding announced is authorized

through the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) and is administered by USDA Rural Development through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

Some farm owners have been selected to receive funding to replace older grain dryers with energy efficient models. Others are installing renewable energy systems.

For example, French

Creek BioEnergy, LLC has been selected for a \$500,000 REAP grant and a \$1,650,000 guaranteed loan to construct an anaerobic digester that will produce 6.7 million kilowatts of energy annually. In Harrod, Ohio, Harding Wind, LLC has been selected for a \$447,500 REAP grant to install a 500-kilowatt wind turbine. It is expected to generate 1.1 million kilowatts of energy annually.

Many rural businesses and farmers in Ohio have already benefited from REAP. Earlier this year, Haber, LLC, a farming operation in Preble County, received a \$99,000 guaranteed loan and \$49,617 grant to replace an inefficient grain dryer with an energy efficient model. The new dryer will reduce energy costs by an estimated 38 percent.

REAP funding can be used for renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, feasibility studies, energy audits and renewable energy development assistance. The funding each recipient receives is contingent upon the



Tom Vilsack

recipient meeting the conditions of the grant or loan agreement.

Also during his visit, Vilsack and Ohio Director of Agriculture

Robert Boggs lead a round table discussion with members of the Ohio Food Policy Council to discuss the environmental, economic and social benefits of local food farming systems. The discussion was held at the Franklin Park on East Broad Street.

Vilsack also traveled to Zanesville to meet with Congressman Zack Space and highlight the role renewable energy will play in creating jobs and revitalizing rural communities.

Through its Rural Development mission area, USDA administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Treasury ending sale of paper payroll bonds

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is ending the sale of paper U.S. savings bonds through employer-sponsored payroll plans by Jan. 1, 2011. The agency is encouraging employees who would like to continue saving through payroll to open a TreasuryDirect account at [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) to avoid a lapse in their savings plan.

The site is a secure web-based system provided by the Treasury's Bureau of Public Debt that is available 24/7; open an account is free.

Paper savings bonds will still be avail-

able for purchase at most financial institutions.

### 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.



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

## Second associate craft show set for Nov. 15

Becky Harris, a contract specialist in Land Supplier Operations at DLA Land and Maritime, talks with a customer who is checking out the jewelry bracelets and prints of her original paintings and digital art she was selling during the first of two associate craft shows held Oct. 25 in the DFAS Columbus building. The second of the two shows will be held Nov. 15 in the Building 20 cafeteria. The show will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature crafts including homemade jewelry, pottery, candles, wood décor and other items handmade by associates on the DSCC installation. Anyone who would like more information can call Jack Schoolcraft at 614-692-3043 or Michele Pettit at 614-692-1111.

## OBITUARIES

### Grace Anna Case

Grace Anna Case, 89, died Oct. 31. Ms. Case was a former employee at DSCC.

### Paul E. Meadows

Paul E. Meadows, 70, of Pataskala, Ohio, died Oct. 21. Mr. Meadows was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Army Reserve and the federal government after 34 years of dedicated service.

### Dale Brokaw Nelson

Dale Brokaw Nelson, 76, of Centerville, Ohio, died Oct. 31 at home. Mr. Nelson served in the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Army and U.S. Marines, and was employed with USAF FTD and DESC, retiring with 32 years of federal civilian service.

### William N. "Bill" Perman

William N. "Bill" Perman, 80, died Oct. 23 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. Mr. Perman was an Ohio Air National Guard veteran and worked as a supervisor with the federal government before retiring in 1985.

### Raymond Edward Williams

Raymond Edward Williams, 81, of Columbus, died Oct. 31. Mr. Williams served 26 years in the U.S. Army during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam and was employed with DCSC for 23 years in security and logistics.

# DoD official presents efficiency roadmap to DLA officials

By Beth Reece  
DLA Strategic Communications

Setting affordability targets and rewarding industrial partners who help the Defense Logistics Agency achieve those targets are just two ways to meet Defense Secretary Robert Gates' efficiency goals, the principal deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics told the agency's senior leaders Oct. 27.

Speaking at the semiannual DLA Expanded Executive Board Meeting, Frank Kendall referred to Gates' initiatives as a "revolution" that will help the Defense Department modernize and sustain the force structure despite a stagnant budget.

"We cannot afford the force structure that we have unless we do some things to be more efficient," he said, adding that the department expects about a 1 percent growth in the budget, but needs 2 or 3 percent.

Becoming more efficient with money already available will require a culture change, Kendall said.

"We have a culture that is largely about spending money. I can't tell you how many times people come in to me and say, 'My money is going to expire if I don't spend it.' It's not your money; it's taxpayers' money, and we need to spend it wisely, not quickly just because it's there."

Putting needs before wants will give the department and DLA better control over available funds and how they're spent, he added.

"We can start by making affordability a requirement. We're going to set an affordability target that's based on long-term analysis ... and we're going to enforce the target by locking it in. Then it's going to be tracked and managed," he said.

Whether the department can afford to operate a piece of equipment or major system throughout



(DLA photo by Beth Reece)

*Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall talks about acquisition efficiency with Defense Logistics Agency leaders Oct. 27.*

its lifetime will also be factored into affordability, added Alan Estevez, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for logistics and materiel readiness.

"It's not only can we afford to buy the Ferrari up front, but can we afford to operate a Ferrari over the time that we have it," he said.

Acquisition professionals will also need to determine what an item should cost rather than going along with what a manufacturer says it costs.

"We're asking people to do cost estimates based on realistic, reasonable assumptions - ones that are a little bit more aggressive than historically based cost estimates," Kendall said. "We don't have to accept what contractors tell us their costs are going to be. We should challenge them."

Industrial representatives responding to Gates' initiatives have accused the department of going after their profits, but Kendall said the goal is to get better prices, not reduce profits. And,

better prices will be rewarded.

"If you're out there managing your subcontractors, really getting the best product and getting subcontractors' costs down, we can reward that," Kendall continued.

The Superior Supplier Incentive Program, formerly the Preferred Supplier Program, will increase methods used to reward suppliers that deliver more value. The program is not intended to create a class of vendors who have a better chance to win contracts, but will offer advantages that can be applied after a vendor wins a competition. For example, vendors may receive less oversight for demonstrating good business practices.

Creating a competitive environment in which contractors are motivated by competition may also lead to better prices, Kendall said. He suggested giving vendors more time to bid and doing a better job publishing the requirements so vendors can be successful. Increased use of small businesses is another option.

"Small businesses usually have smaller overhead structures and often have a lot of innovative and creative ideas about how to do things," he said. "We should take advantage of small businesses as a source of competition."

Kendall and Estevez praised DLA for the logistics support it provides to warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"From an effectiveness standpoint, DLA is doing a stupendous job out in the combat zone," Estevez said, adding that as the agency improves efficiencies, effectiveness will also continue to improve.

However, the job of being more efficient and effective is really never done, Kendall added. "It's something you've got to keep doing, even though we've ratcheted up the game a lot at this point."

Both DoD officials were at DLA to attend a meeting of the agency's Executive Board, which is made up of senior leaders from throughout DLA, including commanders of DLA field activities and geographic commands. The two-day meeting Oct. 27-28 was slated to include discussions on progress toward the secretary of defense's efficiency initiatives and the fiscal 2011 Director's Guidance.

## Vilsack visit

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through a network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 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 \$142 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

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# Land Supplier Ops supervisor recognized for leadership

By Dan Bender  
DLA Land and Maritime  
Public Affairs Office

A supervisor in Land Supplier Operations who oversees support for wheeled vehicles was recently named Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for September.

Donna Clark supervises nine associates on the Vehicle Support II team, which is part of the Tactical Vehicle Support Division, who provide support to large wheeled vehicles such as the Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT), the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV), the Humvee and the MRAP.

She has been in her current position since June 2008, shortly after she completed the DLA Corporate Intern program. Prior to joining the intern program in February 2006, she spent 20 years as a logistics specialist in the U.S. Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing.

"I believe every person on the team brings something to the table," she said of her philosophy on supervising other people. "I try to lead by example in that I won't ask one of my team members to do something that I'm not willing to do myself."

She said she believes in rewarding people for their hard work and added that "I couldn't ask for a better team."

"It's easy to be a good supervisor when you have a great group of people who get their work done and can manage themselves," she stated.

Clark was recognized for her team's effort in exceeding a goal to reduce backorders by 5 percent this year; by July, the team's backorder lines were down to 3,400 lines, a reduction of more than 40 percent.

She was also recognized for her emphasis on ensuring the best possible support to the warfighter and her willingness to try new things to meet that goal.

"She is deeply committed

to providing the best service possible to every customer, both internal and external, that she comes into contact with," her nomination from associates Shelly Winters, Sherry Matthews and Kirsten Burkam states. "She regularly pulls lists for us of our most critical backorders and helps to coach us to improve the delivery as much as possible in support of the warfighter."

"The team regularly tries new ways of doing things because she wants us to be the most efficient team that we can be without compromising quality and support for the warfighter," the nomination states.



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

Donna Clark, a supply team chief in Land Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for September from DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClagherty. She was recognized during an Oct. 25 Supervisors Call.

Clark was also honored for her emphasis on open communication and efforts to develop "Cross Talk" sessions between teams and disciplines.

"She does this because fostering open communication creates not only a dialogue with fellow teammates, but also builds trust and shared knowledge as well," her nomination states.

Clark said she enjoys two things about supervising other associates.

"I like seeing people on my team develop their skills and watching their growth," she said. "I also like the satisfaction of knowing our troops are getting what they need."

"I tell my team that my

job is to ensure that if I wasn't here tomorrow, one of them could step into my job and our support to the warfighter would not miss a beat, if I'm doing my job right," she added.

Clark has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in science and management, with a focus in human resources, both from Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

When she's not at work, Clark keeps busy with activities involving her three sons - one in college, one in high school and one in middle school. She and her husband are also involved in church activities and run an outreach mission to those less fortunate out of their home.

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<p><b>November 2010</b></p> <p><b>American Indian Heritage Month</b></p> <p><b>Nov. 10</b> - U. S. Marine Corps 235th Birthday</p> <p><b>Nov. 11</b> - Veterans Day</p> <p><b>Nov. 18</b> - Great American Smoke Out</p> <p><b>Nov. 22-23</b> - FEA Training Conference, Polaris Qwest Center</p> <p><b>Nov. 25</b> - Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p><b>Drugged Driving Prevention Month</b></p> <p><b>Universal Human Rights Month</b></p> <p><b>Dec. 1</b> - Hanukkah begins at sundown</p> <p><b>Dec. 1</b> - World AIDS Day</p> <p><b>Dec. 7</b> - Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p><b>Dec. 10</b> - Human Rights Day</p> <p><b>Dec. 15</b> - National Bill of Rights Day</p> <p><b>Dec. 16</b> - DLA Land and Maritime Command Holiday Open House, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 21</b> - Winter begins</p>
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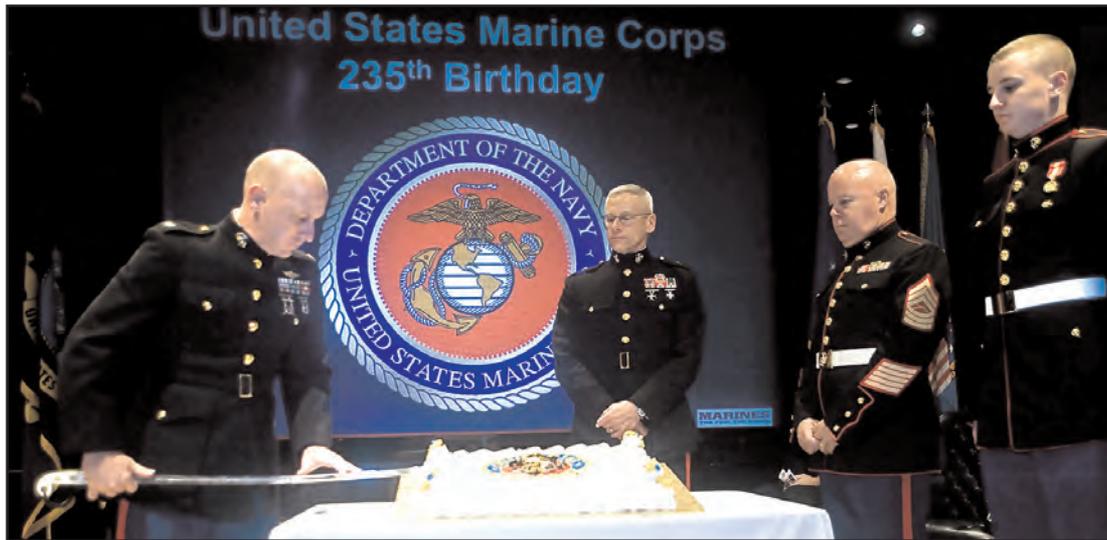
# DSCC installation Marines celebrate Corps' 235th birthday

By Tony D'Elia  
[DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office](#)

The Marine Corps is not just a second land army for the United States, stated Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Roger R. Machut, who traveled from his duty station in New Orleans to celebrate the 235th Marine Corps birthday in Columbus.

Machut, the former deputy commander of the 4th Marine Logistics Group, addressed the DLA Land and Maritime Marine Corp birthday celebrants in the Building 20 auditorium Nov. 8 and told of the many tasks performed by the Marine Corps during the past year in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The Marines were also called upon to help during the earthquake in Haiti.

"Shortly after that happened, together with our Navy brethren, we put seven ships off the shore of Haiti and deployed Marines to help the Haitians," said Machut, a Chicago native who was commissioned through Navy ROTC at Tulane University. "The



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

*Marine Corps Lt. Col. Brad Borman (left) cuts the ceremonial birthday cake. To the left of Borman are guest speaker Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Roger R. Machut, Master Sgt. Charles J. Hurley, serving as the oldest Marine, and Pfc. Patrick J. Conway, serving as the youngest. Both are members of Lima Company 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines.*

Marine Corps was able to help the Haitians while not living off the land and requiring host nation support. This is a wonderful thing that the Marine Corp can uniquely do, proving that we're not just a second land army."

"Meanwhile, the 15th MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) was in the vicinity of Afghanistan providing aviation support for Marines in Afghanistan," said Machut,

who told how the MEU was also able provide humanitarian aid to victims of severe flooding in Pakistan.

"It isn't simply delivering food and clothing, Machut said of the mission to an unsecured area of the world. "It took a force such as the at the Marine Corps to deploy into that area in order to aid the civilians."

Meanwhile, another emergency popped up when a merchant ship was taken

over by pirates. One of the 15th MEU ships responded and the ship was retaken without injuries.

"This is what the Marine Corps today provides to our nation," said Machut. "We are far from a second land army. As our commandant recently put it 'We are a the middleweight force of the nation.' We are not superlight like a special operating force and we are not heavy like our Army

brethren. There is a need for crisis response such as the Marine Corps provides," said the general who holds a civil engineering degree from Tulane and is a registered professional engineer.

Upholding the time-honored tradition, Master Sgt. Charles J. Hurley served as the oldest Marine, while PFC Patrick J. Conway, served as the youngest. Both are members of Lima Company 3d Battalion 25th Marines. Hurley, who resides in Dayton, Ohio, enlisted March 12, 1980, and Conway, a Fairborn, Ohio resident, took the oath last June 1 before training at Parris Island.

Lima Company Marines presented the colors, while Angela McCoy performed the National Anthem.

In parting, Machut thanked the Defense Logistics Agency for "everything that is done for the warfighter."

"This is 'Job One,' and never forget that," said Machut.

"The PFC in the shelter half in Afghanistan may not understand who's doing it, but he sure appreciates it."

# MWR marketing manager selected DES Associate of Month

By Tony D'Elia  
[DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office](#)

Jennifer Russell, marketing manager for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office, has been selected Associate of the Month for September for DLA Installation Support at Columbus.

Russell was lauded for her innovation and creativity in her job as the promoter of MWR events and products. One example is the recently revamped the MWR website - dscmwr.com. Russell worked with J6C, program managers, the marketing assistant and an outside contractor to make the site more interactive and user-friendly for customers. It now provides more information on all MWR programs and services, and has links to MWR's new Facebook and Twitter pages, two more examples of Russell's creativity in spreading the MWR message. She also created a website contest to increase site readership.

Russell worked with the financial manager and program man-

agers to create a schedule of "extra" events to benefit Defense Supply Center Columbus installation and tenant associates. These included a pig roast at Blacklick Woods Metro Park, and a "Heart Healthy" lunchtime cook-out at Weapons Park on the installation. Some of her other events were the DES-C golf outing and picnic, the Labor Day Golf Tournament, Tar Hollow Hike and the Fitness Center's Leap into Fall program. She also worked to provide discount tickets for the Professional Bull Riders, Columbus Crew, and theater programs such as "Cats!" and "Titanic."

"Her enthusiasm, fresh perspective and willingness to try new things have served as real motivators for MWR, resulting in many new programs and events being offered for our patrons across DSCC," MWR chief Albert M. Kluczynski said. "Jennifer Russell is a truly outstanding employee and a phenomenal addition to our MWR/DLA Installation Support Team."

Russell is a native of Geauga



(Photo by Rachel Kocin)

*Jennifer Russell (right), marketing manager for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office on the DSCC installation, receives her Associate of the Month Award for September from DES-C site director Kenny Youn.*

County, Ohio, where she graduated from Kenston High School. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications and has worked for the federal government for four

years.

Her husband served four years of Army active duty and has been in the Reserve for almost three years.

# TKO reaches out to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses

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

"We need all the suppliers we can get - we're only as good as our suppliers," said Milton Lewis, executive director of Contracting and Acquisition Management at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime.

Lewis addressed a crowd of about 150 vendors invited to DLA Land and Maritime Oct. 19-20 for a small business Training-Knowledge-Opportunities Seminar focused on service-disabled veteran-owned small business suppliers. To be an SDVOSB, the SDVOSB must be a domestic small

business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more service disabled veterans.

The TKO session is part of DLA Land and Maritime's continued efforts to reach out to small business owners to help them in earning a fair share of government contracting opportunities.

Lewis told the group that DLA Land and Maritime manages more than 2 million items of DLA's 5 million parts and that "any day we can get a request for any one of those parts.

"What we need is an agile supply chain. You should come in this business with your eyes open-it's different," Lewis told the ven-



(DLA photo by Charles Morris)

*Cynthia Nevin, chief of the DLA Land and Maritime Small Business Office, addresses about 150 attendees of a Training-Knowledge-Opportunities Seminar focused on service-disabled veteran-owned small business suppliers. The seminar was held Oct. 19-20 at DLA Land and Maritime.*

dors, who were briefed on a variety of topics chosen to help them through the acquisition process.

Subject matter experts on the DLA Internet Bid Board System, radio frequency identification devices and

C-Folders, as well as a number of other topics, presented information to the government contractor audience.

In planning the conference, the Land and Maritime Small Business Office staff reached out to SDVOSBs who were new or had done limited business with DLA.

One attendee remarked that he found it informative to come to such conferences and talk with other suppliers.

Another, Jim Dyle of Coordinated Defense Supply Systems Inc., thought the conference was the best he's ever attended.

"Nobody knows how everything works," Dyle said. "It wasn't like some of these 'rah-rah' sessions where you don't really get enough information."

On the second day of the conference, Scott Denniston, a SDVOSB advocate and currently the executive

director of the National Veterans Small Business Coalition, gave advice to SDVOSBs on doing business with the federal government.

"DLA has an obligation to support veteran small businesses because DoD (Department of Defense) makes veterans," said the former director of Department of Veteran Affairs small business. "Because of their education, teamwork and perseverance, veterans make great business partners. Persevere and don't quit. The federal market is hard to break into, but you can be successful.

"And always think from the buyers' perspective-it's about supporting the warfighter," said Denniston, who was scheduled to speak to Land and Maritime supply chain associates on Thursday followed by capability briefings by two SDVOSBs from the manufacturing arena.

## America celebrates recycling

Since 1997, communities across the country have come together on Nov. 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day.

America Recycles Day is a national campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and buying products made with recycled materials.



Buying recycled is the step that closes the recycling loop.

It's one day to inform and educate. One day to get our neigh-

bors, friends and community leaders excited about what can be accomplished when everyone works together. One day to make recycling bigger and better 365 days a year.

# Outgoing DFAS LIM coordinator praised as he passes torch

By Micki J. Young  
DFAS Corporate  
Communications

For anyone who's had an opportunity to work with the Leaders in Motion (LIM) program at Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus, chances are good that they've heard of Tim Strom.

Strom was the coordinator for the DFAS Columbus LIM program. Shortly before the new fiscal year began, however, the "Strom era" ended as he became the chief of administrative services for DFAS Columbus. Philippa "Phil" Houston has now taken over the reins of the LIM program.

Colleagues recently gathered to remember Strom's eight years as the LIM coordinator.

According to those who knew him, Strom had an enormous impact on DFAS. He recruited and managed the Columbus LIM program - sometimes with rotating help from those within the program itself. Strom also managed the Student Continuing Education Professional (SCEP) program, which feeds into the LIM program. He coordinated job fairs, college visits and outreach programs, all in efforts to recruit the best talent.

Strom was part of a team in the former accounting business line that developed leadership conferences, implemented monthly networking meetings, and introduced rotational assignments. Many facets of the program continue to this day.

Strom served as a key leader in the LIM program. He built "a hearty group" of hundreds of alumni. This fast-track program grew throughout his tenure.

"When I began in the program's infancy, there were five Columbus LIMs," Strom said. "As of this month, there are a total of 502 Columbus LIMs and LIM alumni - that's nearly 20 percent of the total DFAS Columbus popula-



(DFAS photo by Melody Anderson)

*Tim Strom (left), former coordinator of the DFAS Columbus Leaders in Motion program, chats with Gene Petropavlovskiy during a celebration of Strom's eight years leading the program. Strom recently left to become the chief of administrative services for DFAS Columbus.*

tion."

Strom said that he is proud of the accomplishments of the LIM graduates. The legacies that he leaves behind include:

- About 30 former LIM associates are listed on the Columbus operations organization structure as section chiefs, branch chiefs and division chiefs.
- Of the LIM graduates, more than 40 percent have been promoted into higher graded positions.
- Forty have obtained certifications as public accountants, general fund managers, defense fund managers and fraud examiners.
- Another 10 LIM alumni have received Black Belt certifications, and 80 have earned Green Belt certifications.

Last month, many former and current LIM associates hosted a ceremony in Strom's honor.

DFAS Deputy Director for Strategic Business Management Nancy Zymslinski offered her thanks to Strom. Zymslinski was the Columbus site director before taking on her current position.

Several colleagues echoed Strom's praise.

"While it may seem sad

the reason the LIM program has been such a success here at DFAS Columbus. He has remained dedicated and supportive to all of us when we needed him."

Strom's impact has been far reaching throughout the DFAS organization, ultimately impacting multiple sites and management levels, and improving the diversity in the organization

In a farewell letter to program participants, Strom thanked Zmyslinski, who brought him into the position; Cindy Cox, the original LIM program manager; those LIMs who had worked directly in the LIM office; and many others who supported him through the years.

Houston, the LIM program coordinator, has 28

years of federal service and 19 years of DFAS experience, most recently serving as the conference center manager in Columbus.

# Patio Blast

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handle a serious emergency situation and test our first response capability," said Wood.

All aspects of force protection were encountered by the installation workforce with escalation from Force Protection Condition "Alpha" up to "Delta." Barrier plans were put into effect and the three installation gates were closed for a short time to simulate what would occur if a real situation took place.

DSCC police called on their SWAT counterparts from Whitehall to participate in the exercise, as they would do if a real event occurred. In that event, the installation must be secured and the perpetrator located with the help of SWAT personnel.

The installation's Emergency Operations Center activated and controlled the police and fire operation and set up liaisons with the major installation commands. Each tenant command accomplished accountability reporting and, other than those located in Building 20, sheltered in place.

A Joint Information Center was also activated in Building 52 near the Broad Street gate to demonstrate the ability to provide information dissemination to the general public and provide broadcast media control.

Installation emergency managers and fire chiefs from throughout DLA were on hand as evaluators to review the exercise. They reviewed each aspect of the exercise to provide feedback on what went well and not so well for future consideration.

"This exercise was a very dramatic example of 'One DLA' with the evaluator support from around



A DSCC emergency medical technician performs triage on seriously injured personnel on the red "critical" triage mat. Each position is numbered to help track the personnel through the transport stage to the hospital.

the Enterprise and the outstanding capabilities of our entire DSCC installation family," DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty said after the exercise ended. "I was so proud to see everyone participating and doing their part in making this a realistic exercise, from those performing personnel accounting to the fire and police response to our simulated 'victims.' From every angle, it was a truly an outstanding effort."

About 30 personnel from various installation organizations volun-

teered to be injured "victims" of the explosion. Each had distinctive wounds and injuries that they portrayed to force the first responders to properly identify and triage the victims by the seriousness of each injury.

Injuries were reported to a special Crisis Response Team activated in Building 11. This special team was responsible for collecting the names of the victims and deal with their per-

sonnel related issues. The team would also create an intake center if required.

Although the evaluators found many things to improve on, they were impressed with the great attitude and emphasis placed on accomplishing the mission at hand. Their recommendations will be used to address concerns for future exercises.



Deputy public affairs officer John Foreman (left) makes an emergency announcement during the exercise on the Mass Notification System as an evaluator listens.



The gate marquee on the DSCC installation informed everyone that the installation was at Force Protection Condition "Delta," the highest level, for a brief time during the exercise.



Above, installation police officers went on high alert after the Force Protection Condition was raised to "Charlie" during the exercise. Below, one security measure at that level involved closing the Yearling Road gate, in part by placing concrete barriers at the entrance along Yearling Road.



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)



First responders from the DSCC installation police and fire departments check on a "victim" of a bomb explosion Oct. 22 on the installation during "Exercise Patio Blast." Initial police responders wore gas masks in case a biological or chemical agent was present.



Employees stream out of the DLA Land and Maritime Operations Center during an evacuation following a simulated explosion. The evacuation was used to conduct a personnel accountability exercise.



Members of the DSCC Emergency Operations Center team coordinate initial response activities in Building 48. In the foreground is DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn.



Public affairs specialist Tony D'Elia takes a phone call during a simulated news conference held in the Joint Information Center that would be set up in Building 52 in the event of a real emergency.

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# Local associates attend Latino leadership conference

By Mislín A. Pérez-Fernández  
Land Supplier Operations

Seven Latino associates from Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime recently attended the 2nd Annual Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership Conference Oct. 14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.

The purpose of the conference was to create and develop leaders who value and celebrate diversity, promote inclusion and strive to achieve understanding within multicultural community.

Associates in attendance were John Ramos, Shaelene Seda Vargas, María B. Castillo, Luna Vélez, Mislín A. Pérez Fernández, Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba and Ana Paez Vallejo.

The conference was part of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and was organized by Empleos & Employment LLC, an organization committed to promoting cross-cultural competency and leadership development of Latinos and other minorities.

The DLA Land and Maritime associates received scholarships from Cristina Villacinda-Farr, founder and president of Empleos & Employment, to attend the conference. She offered the scholarships during her Oct. 6 appearance at DLA Land and Maritime to



(Photo by KRamos Photography)

Seven Latino associates from Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime recently who attended the 2nd Annual Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership Conference Oct. 14 in Columbus are shown with other attendees and keynote speaker Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch. Associates in attendance were John Ramos, Shaelene Seda Vargas, María B. Castillo, Luna Vélez, Mislín A. Pérez Fernández, Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba and Ana Paez Vallejo.

participate in the Hispanic Heritage Month panel discussion organized by the Hispanic Employment Program.

Villancida-Farr has more than 20 years of leadership and project management experience, and with her knowledge, she provided to all participants insights to cultural understanding as well as the importance of incorporating diverse populations and cultures to build stronger communities. The conference offered sessions on five topics: Outreach and Retention,

Talent and Leadership Development, College Students and Young Professionals, Entrepreneurship Tools for Success, and Inclusion.

During the conference, the DLA associates explored issues and practices relating to the recruitment, mentorship and advancement of Latinos and other minorities. They were more aware about topics related with myths, misconceptions and laws that apply to minorities in the workplace. Also, they learned that the words “diversity”

and “inclusion” require creating an inclusive workplace in which the similarities and differences among associates are put to their best and highest use by the organization and all voices are heard and valued.

The keynote speaker was Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and founder and president of Educational Achievement Services Inc. She was born and raised in a small barrio in Laredo, Texas. In the Army, Consuelo was the highest-

ranking Hispanic woman in combat support.

One of the most emotional moments of the conference was when Kickbusch shared her story of the “white shirt man,” in which her father was paid only \$10 by the boss (the “white shirt man”) after working more than 12 hours without resting to design equipment to increase production. The story was a reminder that there are some people who don’t value the talents and capabilities of minorities.

In addition, Consuelo mentioned in her speech how important it is to promote inclusion and development of Latinos and other minorities in the workforce across all organizational levels.

Other speakers were Guadalupe Medina, a freshman at The Ohio State University who was the first in her family to receive a college education; she plans to double major in business administration and communications with a minor in Spanish.

Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman was the first recipient of the “Padrino Award” and acknowledged the importance of the role Latinos play in local and international business.

Any associate who wants more information about the conference can call HEP manager María B. Castillo at 614-692-9704.

# Land Supplier Ops associate recognized for effort on deployment

By Mislín A. Pérez-Fernández  
Land Supplier Operations

U.S. Army Sgt. Héctor L. Rivera, an associate in Land Supplier Operations at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, was recently recognized for his work while deployed to Iraq.

Rivera received the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his work while deployed from March to September as a property disposal specialist in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was assigned to the Expeditionary Disposal Remediation Team (EDRT), Disposal Service, and DLA Support Team at the Contingency Operating Base, Al Asad, Iraq.

Rivera, confronted with limited resources, effectively organized, assembled and arranged resources to meet EDRT team objectives. Based on his skills and knowledge of DLA Disposal Service Operations, he contributed significantly to the success of the EDRT mission, according to his award citation.

Some of his duties and responsibilities included conducting training periods related with safety, demilitarization, property screening, DD Forms 1348 familiarization and overall BDF yard operations; identifying and disposing of restricted and demilitarization required items; segregating and removing scrap material; and streamlining access procedures in

order to expedite the base entry process.

Rivera’s leadership and technical competency is the reason he was selected as the Mobile Redistribution Team coordinator.

As a subject matter expert, he provided guidance to various Navy and Army units regarding the identification, segregation and disposal of demilitarization required items. His efforts resulted in the turn-in of more than 61,000 pounds of material valued at more than \$83,000 to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

Rivera’s exemplary performance of duty contributed to the overall success of DLA and U.S. Army mission, his citation stated.



(Photo courtesy of Hector Rivera)

U.S. Army Sgt. Héctor L. Rivera, a DLA Land and Maritime associate, was recently recognized with the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his work while deployed in Iraq as a property disposal specialist.

# Maritime associates visit ship repair facilities in Japan

Two associates in Maritime Customer Operations at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime recently traveled to Japan for a customer site visit.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jason Endress, chief of the Regional Maintenance Cell, and Chuck Bateman, a collaborative demand planner, traveled to Ship Repair Facilities (SRF) Yokosuka and Sasebo in Japan Sept. 27 to Oct. 1.

The purpose of the trip was to gain valuable insight into day-to-day operations

at the sites, meet the management teams and tour the facilities, including the Fleet Industrial Supply Center warehouses, the DLA Distribution Yokosuka Japan Detachment Sasebo warehouses and ship repair facilities.

Endress and Bateman also discussed the possibility of future formal collaboration with relation to demand planning, and the implementation of the Commander's Critical Item Review process at DLA Land and Maritime.



Members of the Ship Repair Facility Sasebo support team include (from left) DLA Maritime forward customer logistics support specialist Red Mateo, Herminio Mapa, Maritime Customer Operations demand planner Chuck Bateman, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jason Endress, Chito Deleon, Nick Kunichide, Emi Mizutori, Sandy Brooks, Tes Hildalgo, Bessie Litz, Miki Matsuda, Hideko Wada, Kuniko Isomoto and Chika Yamaguchi.



(DLA photo by Red Mateo)

Maritime Customer Operations associates Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jason Endress (left) and Chuck Bateman (center) listen to Bob Finrock, director of DLA Distribution Yokosuka Japan Detachment Sasebo (DDYJ), during a tour of the DDYJ warehouse in Sasebo.



Members of the Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka include (top row from left) CVN-73 Project material managers John Angiano and Herman Allen, Industrial Support Department deputy commander Mike Schoedler, Industrial Support Department Requirement Division Head Larry Larkin, Industrial Support Department Commander Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Neu and SRF-JRMC Equipment Specialist Duff Goodsell; and (bottom row from left) Maritime Customer Operations collaborative demand planner Chuck Bateman, Maritime Customer Operations Regional Maintenance Cell chief Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jason Endress and DLA Maritime forward customer logistics site specialist - Yokosuka Pete Rose.

## Fitch-Gordon speaks at Women's Equality Day observance

From Federally Employed Women

A local federal employee who is the executive vice president for Federally Employed Women was the keynote speaker for a Women's Equality Day observance at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Arlena Fitch-Gordon, a Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office employee in Columbus, spoke at the Aug. 25 event, which was hosted by the VA and the Federal Women's Program in recognition of women winning the right to vote.

The theme for the observance was "Success doesn't come to you: You go to it!" The U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day in 1971 to honor women's continuing efforts toward equality.

Fitch-Gordon noted that the



Arlena Fitch-Gordon

struggle for the 19th Amendment began in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y. It finally was added to the Constitution in 1920.

Women have certainly made great strides since then, Fitch-Gordon said. "I am proud to be part of an organization that continues to ensure that women remain on an equal footing with their male colleagues in the workplace and all facets of our society, and this includes an aggressive campaign

to pass the Equal Rights Amendment," she said. This amendment would give women the legal backing to guarantee that they are equal to men, which would alleviate equal pay issues, access to upper mobility programs and jobs, and educational opportunities for younger women, Fitch-Gordon told the audience.

This led into her message on how "Success doesn't come to you: You go to it." She shared with her audience that her federal career began in the early 1960s and how she prepared herself through the decades to ensure that she couldn't wait for someone else to pave her way to success, she had to take the initiative to go for it herself.

She assured her audience that success will surely come if you continue to be focused, be patient,

don't be anxious for power or leadership. Additionally, Fitch-Gordon was the luncheon speaker for the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System at its facility in Marion, Ind. The presentation was also teleconferenced by video for the organization's Peru and Muncie installations.

Linda Rollins, the local Federal Women's Program manager, said Fitch-Gordon's speech helped create an enthusiasm at the VA facilities and led to 20 new volunteers joining the local FWP committee the next day.

During her stay in Indiana, Fitch-Gordon met with the FWP committee to discuss a plan of action to help plan programs, events and training that would enhance the career development for the women at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System.

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# Army interns learn DLA Land and Maritime business practices

Two Department of Army logistics interns, Michael Gawinski and Jonathan DiSciullo, recently completed an 11-week rotational assignment with Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime. The two began their internship in Columbus Aug. 17 and finished Oct. 28.

As a requirement of the Army Logistics Internship Program, Gawinski and DiSciullo had to attend a non-Army agency where they could receive well-rounded training from a different point of view.

DLA headquarters provided the opportunity for two interns to come to DLA Land and Maritime, where they joined the Land Customer Operations team. Their primary sponsors were Contingency Support Team chief Angela Turley and associates Matthew Cowden and Angel Oyola.

During the assignment, Gawinski and DiSciullo were exposed to every aspect of DLA job roles. A curriculum and training calendar was designed to execute overviews and job shadowing opportunities. The interns participated in the DLA Enterprise Suppliers Conference, the TKO conference and capability briefings. Other areas they explored were supply, acquisition, tech/quality and support operations.

Project manager Alessia Payne, a management analyst in the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division, said this was an outstanding opportunity for the sharing of knowledge, building networks, promoting DLA, and providing an understanding of DLA business practices. During the outbrief to command, the interns commended the leadership, trainers and sponsors on the welcome they received, the training obtained, the quality of the rotational internship program, and the professionalism displayed by DLA Land and Maritime associates.

Gawinski is scheduled to report to Fort Bragg, N.C., Nov. 12 and DiSciullo was scheduled to report to TACOM Nov. 6.



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

Above, listening to DLA Land and Maritime associate Angela Turley (right) during an Oct. 25 outbriefing in the Command Conference Room are (from left) Matthew Cowden, a customer account specialist in Land Customer Operations, and Army interns Jonathan DiSciullo and Michael Gawinski. Below, during a welcome briefing in August, DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty (left) talks with DiSciullo (second from left) and Gawinski. Seated between them is Alessia Payne, a management analyst in the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division.



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)

## Video

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The footage will also be used to create a news segment for broadcast on the Pentagon News Channel and some of the footage will also be used to highlight the labs' work to ferret out non-conforming parts that don't meet military specifications, Culbertson said.

"This was a great way to tell our story and showcase all the hard work our employees do to support the warfighter," Product Test Center director Keith Robinette said.

Overall, Bailey and Hutcherson made about 23 stops to shoot footage in the electronic lab and about 10 stops in the

mechanical lab, Culbertson said. Among those interviewed for the video were Robinette, electronic test lab site manager John Elavsky, mechanical test lab site manager Steve Finney and electronic test lab branch chiefs Tom Swartzel and Greg Vaughn.

Culbertson said it was interesting to watch the video team at work and how they did the different shots.

"They knew what they were doing and they had lots of good ideas on how to film certain things," she said. "It's always interesting to watch the steps that go into it and then see the final product, and you say 'Wow.'"



(DLA photo by Chuck Morris)

Camera operator Trudy Hutcherson films electronics engineer John Hofmann as he makes adjustments to the monitoring equipment for the MB Dynamics Vibration Test System during an Oct. 19 video shoot in the DLA Product Test Center electronics lab in Building 11 on the DSCC installation. Supervising on the left is Matthew "Reid" Bailey, a video producer in DLA Strategic Communications.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

# Hair stylists celebrate anniversaries of service on DSCC installation

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

Debora Russell and Kathy Gartin recently celebrated anniversaries at the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Gartin came up on her 30th year as while Russell reached the 10-year mark as the base barber.

"I have seen a lot of faces, shared a thousand stories and even more laughs," Russell said of looking back on the decade. "The greatest compliment you have given me has been your repeat business. Thank you for your support."

Associates can stop by the barber shop for anniversary cake Nov. 29-30 and can get a punch card for a free haircut. According to Gartin, there's been a barber shop on the installation since 1959.

Gartin celebrated with a 30-percent-off discount on services Oct. 20.

No one knows when the installation got its first barber shop though some remember back to 1959. But there was probably a barber on board during the two world wars.

Gartin thinks that the beauty shop opened around 1979. Gartin became the installation beautician in 1980 taking over for the first beautician, who had been here about a year and a half. She said that the base commander at the time, Navy Rear Adm. Harold C. Donley, moved to open a beauty shop at the suggestion of his wife.



(DLA photo by Rachel Kocin)

Debora Russell (left) and Kathy Gartin pose outside the Beauty/Barber Shop. Russell recently celebrated her 10th year on the DSCC installation while Gartin celebrated her 30th.

A lot of memories have been made since that time. Gartin remembers back in 1993 when a military family, waiting for their new house to be built, stayed in the temporary housing upstairs from the beauty shop. The wife was in the late stages of her fifth pregnancy and actually had her baby in the quarters. Meanwhile, Gartin babysat the other four children downstairs in the beauty shop.

Gartin also says that the beauty shop patrons used to get together for an annual Christmas luncheon. "It was a wonderful place," she said. "I remember a lot of the military families who lived on the base and their children who came in here," Gartin said. "I had five generations of one family-the great grandmother, the grandmother, her daughter and the daughter's daughter."

# Nurses provide valuable preventative health services for DFAS employees

By Micki J. Young  
DFAS Corporate Communications

COLUMBUS, Ohio - It may not be your first thought to look for medical assistance at work, but before making that doctor's appointment, stop a moment. The Federal Occupational Health program offers many worksite health centers and a bevy of benefits.

Columbus, Bobbie Hothem has been contracted to provide FOH services through the Ohio State University East Occupational Medicine Clinic for the past five years. She has been a nurse for 30 years, and in the past has worked in an intensive care unit, a critical care unit and an emergency room. She has also volunteered as a paramedic in Circleville, Ohio, and later as a volunteer firefighter in Ashville, Ohio,

While each DFAS site is different, in

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# CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: L equals T

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Previous solution: "AS A ROCK STAR, I HAVE TWO INSTINCTS ... I WANT TO HAVE FUN, AND I WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD." - BONO

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# OSHA fines local refinery \$68,000 for unsafe conditions

By Scott Allen  
U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Heartland Refinery in Columbus with one alleged serious safety violation for failing to control the

release of flammable liquids and vapors resulting in a July 17, 2010, fire at the facility. The refinery, located on East Fifth Avenue, also has been cited with two repeat violations for problems that existed in March 2010 and were found in July 2010 not to have been

corrected, as well as one failure-to-abate violation first brought to the company's attention by OSHA in 2009. Proposed penalties total \$68,900.

"Failing to follow proper procedures to prevent the unintentional release of flammable vapors and liquids in an area where a known ignition source exists creates a serious safety risk to workers, and as this case shows, a high risk of fire in the workplace," said OSHA area director Deborah Zubaty in Columbus. "There is no excuse for this type of complacency, and OSHA will do all it can to protect employees in the workplace."

The fire occurred when a flange or fitting in the process area failed to contain flammable liquids, which then leaked to an ignition source. The serious violation carries a penalty of \$4,900. An OSHA violation is serious if death or serious physical harm can result from a hazard an employer knew or should have known exists.

Heartland Refinery also has been issued two repeat safety violations for failing to identify piping containing flammable or combustible liquids, and to develop and document hazardous energy control procedures for refinery processes. A repeat violation is issued when an employer previously was cited for the same or similar violation of any standard, regulation, rule or order at any other facility in federal

enforcement states within the last five years. Those penalties carry fines of \$14,000.

The company, which re-

refines motor oil through a hydrogenation process resulting in reusable clean base oil, also has been cited

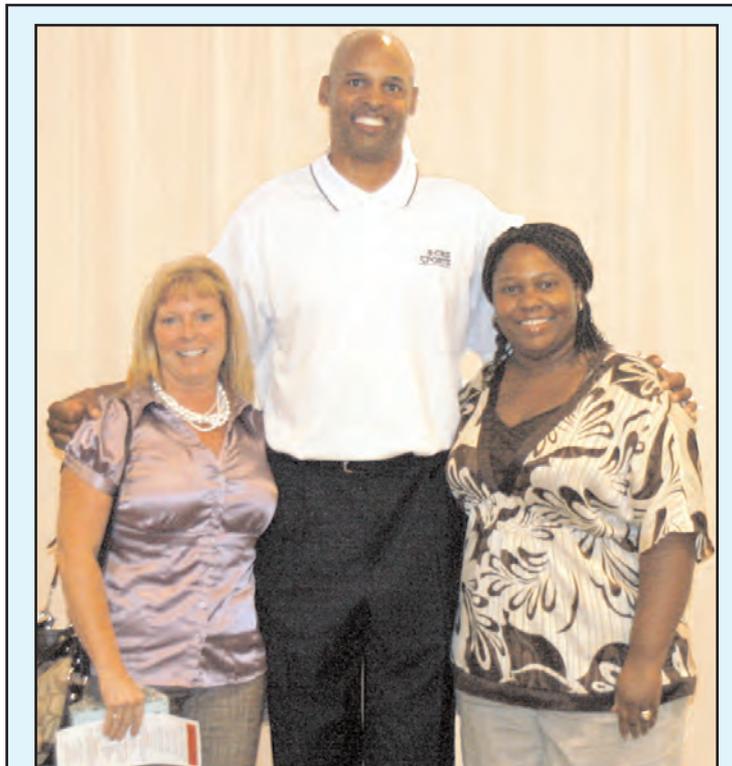
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(Photo by David R. Hooks)

## White receives 30-year award

Robert E. White (right), a former DLA Land and Maritime associate, received his 30-year certificate recently at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where he is a customer logistics site specialist with the DLA Aviation unit. Presenting his certificate was Kathy Cutler, deputy director, DLA Aviation, Richmond, Va. White says he chases delinquent parts and expedites them for Fleet Readiness Center-East, which reworks and repairs aircraft. White's items are mainly for the H-53 helicopter, the AV-8B Harrier and V-22 Osprey. "We work closely with DLA associates who order the items, and the Post Awards folks in DLA Aviation Richmond, who try to get the items here in a timely manner. When timely delivery is an issue, we get involved to expedite," he said. "We also work in the demand panning function to put together future requirements based on the inductions of the air vehicle for repairs."



(American Red Cross photo)

## Red Cross honors DSCC installation for blood donations

American Red Cross Life Sharing Challenge honorary chair Clark Kellogg (center) poses with DSCC blood drive coordinator Kara Mettelle (left) and alternate coordinator LaNelle Williams. At the Sept. 24 Region 23 Annual Life Sharing Challenge Luncheon, the DSCC installation received a special award for its blood drive activities for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. DSCC was honored for its special focus in partnering with the American Red Cross to even out blood collections to meet patient needs on a regular basis. DSCC has continued to assist with blood collection efforts with about a dozen Red Cross blood drives per year. During the 2009-2010 period, the DSCC installation donated 658 units of blood on site. "Business and community organizations are essential partners with the Red Cross in ensuring an adequate local blood supply," said Rodney Wilson, a spokesperson for the Red Cross Central Ohio Blood Services Region.

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- Homes for sale or rent ads will be accepted only from military personnel who are departing the area on PCS orders. Ad must state PCS.
- Ads promoting a business will not be accepted.
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- Privately-owned tickets, sold through the free ads, must show ticket price and may not exceed the face value of the ticket.
- Ads must be submitted by COB on the Monday of the week preceding the publication date of The Voice. No revisions or cancellations will be accepted after that Monday's deadline.
- Ads will appear on the Voice Web site and may also appear on the publisher's Web site.

Your cooperation is needed in order to continue to offer free ads in The Columbus Federal Voice. The publisher reserves the right to edit and/or reject ads which do not conform to the intent of the Free Ad Policy, which is to provide federal employees and military personnel who work within the distribution area of The Columbus Federal Voice an opportunity to advertise personal property in which other employees or military personnel may be interested.

# DFAS nurse

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where she currently lives.

According to Hothem, the most common services she performs for her patients are blood pressure checks and allergy shots, but that's not all.

"I am the contact person for scheduling CPR/AED classes which are taught by Sharon Garrett, R.N., and Linda Benner, R.N, who are also contracted through OSU-East Occupational Medicine," she said.

"I have helped treat the early stages of heart attacks where I partnered with the local emergency medical staff (EMS) before patients were transported for additional care," Hothem said.

She told of one employee who was experiencing chest pains. The employee initially resisted going to the ER with the EMS team, but Hothem eventually convinced the employee it was the best course of



(DFAS photo by Tom Casasanta)

*Nurse Bobbie Hothem has been contracted to provide health services through the Ohio State University East Occupational Medicine Clinic for the past five years to employees at DFAS Columbus.*

treatment; he finally agreed and went to the hospital.

"That employee, who was so reluctant to be transported for further treatment, was later found to have a heart blockage," she said.

Hothem emphasizes that her services are not intended to replace someone's regular doctor but rather serve as a temporary measure and convenience. She provides basic first aid and injury care. She also pro-

vides disabled parking paperwork for DFAS Columbus.

With flu season approaching, Hothem and FOH providers at other DFAS sites will be busy coordinating flu shots. In Columbus, Hothem will administer shots in Buildings 20, 21 and 11. If every employee gets a shot that is nearly 2,500 that she will give this year. Combine that number with shots that other FOH service providers will give in Indianapolis, Rome, Limestone and Cleveland and more than 10,000 doses of vaccine could potentially be administered.

The FOH program is a valuable benefit for DFAS employees. Not only is it a cost and time saver, but it also helps keep them healthy. DFAS also benefits by having fewer employees absent due to illness.

While flu vaccinations are

an important service of the various health centers around the agency, they also provide assistance to employees concerned with their health and wellness by providing a place to check their weight and have some tests, such as blood glucose and TB screenings done - where available.

The Columbus health unit is located in Building 21, Room 5C-021. Health unit hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments aren't required. The phone number is 614-693-5104.

## Refinery

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for failing to abate a 2009 violation, which required the development of an arc flash analysis program for workers exposed to energized electrical equipment exceeding 480 volts. The penalty accompanying this failure-to-abate violation is \$50,000.

The company has 15 business days from receipt of its current citations and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

Employers and employees with questions regarding workplace safety and health standards can call OSHA's Columbus District Office at 614-469-5582. To report workplace accidents, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-6742.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

# CLASSIFIED ADS



**STUFF**

### Appliances

**Dishwasher** - GE basic dishwasher, pale deep yellow, GC, \$100 OBO, 614-477-0223.

**Stove** - GE electric range, pale deep yellow with black tinted glass oven door, CG, \$100 OBO, 614-477-0223.

### Appliances

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### Furniture

**Beds** - Oak bunk bed set with mattresses, twin top, full size lower, \$300 OBO, 614-855-5285 or 614-692-3899.

**Chest** - Honey Oak 4-drawer chest, bedroom dresser, \$65; oak finish rocking glider chair w/ottoman, navy, 614-693-1148 or 614-270-8954.

**Dining Room Set** - Table, six chairs, china cabinet and lighted glass hutch from Whites Furniture, paid \$2,000 new, asking \$550, 614-855-5285 or 614-692-1821.

### Furniture

**Pool Table** - Sale or trade, 8 ft. slate pool table, solid oak, distinctively carved design, burgundy felt, \$600 or trade for nice seven ft. table, 614-855-5285 or 614-692-1821.

### Misc for Sale

**Baby Items** - Baby Pack and Play, stroller, high chair, clean, EC, \$150 for all three, call 614-403-6811 daytime.

**Coat/Jerseys** - 5x leather coat, \$50; 5x Kobe Bryant jersey, \$20; xl Tony Romo jersey, ticketed \$115, selling for \$50, 614-693-8432.

**Grave Plots** - Forest Lawn Cemetery, Garden of Resurrection, two plots, one vault, one pre-paid opening/closing, \$4,500 for all, 614-692-3755.

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### Misc for Sale

**Storm Doors** - Two white storm doors with screens; one 36x80, one 32x80, both with framing and hardware, \$10 ea., 740-323-4055.

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**Toyota 2008 - Rav4 Limited**, 36,750 miles, red, 4-wheel drive, EC, looks/runs like brand new, \$19,950, 614-309-2604.