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We're thrilled to be in the publishing business again!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office is pleased to re-introduce the Columbus Federal Voice to its readers after a three-month hiatus. This first issue under the Voice's

new publisher, Cox Media Group of Ohio, contains stories that cover some of the significant events involving central Ohio federal employees that have occurred since the Voice's last issue on Feb. 16.

DLA Land and Maritime takes top honors

Continued excellence helps installation earn award at Commander in Chief's Annual Award ceremony

By Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

DLA Land and Maritime was one of five military installations from around the world honored May 4 for excelling at their mission despite the demands of war and recent natural disasters.

At a Pentagon ceremony, Ashton B. Carter, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, lauded the recipients of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

"Across the board," Carter said, "the installations that we recognize today have truly led - led by example, led by setting the standard for excellence. Their respective accomplishments are the finest examples of military innovation and dedication."

DLA Land and Maritime was recognized for providing unsurpassed supply-chain logistics management, awarding more 872,000 contracts, supporting more than

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DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (center) holds the Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence presented to DLA Land and Maritime during a May 4 ceremony at the Pentagon. With him are (from left) his executive aide, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Dunphy, DLA Installation Support Director Air Force Col. Thomas Laffey, DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty and Barb Robertson, acting deputy director of Land Customer Operations. DLA PHOTOS BY TEDDORA MOCANU



DLA PHOTO BY BRIAN SETTLEGE

Child Development Center children plant tree for Earth Day

Children at the DSCC Child Development Center participated in several earth-friendly activities in April. Additions to the center were new classroom books on recycling and other "Go Green" efforts; white paper recycling boxes in the rooms; and art projects involving turning trash into treasure and making special classroom "Earth Day" banners. There were also discussions focusing on the importance of recycling and keeping the environment clean and "happy." The activities culminated in a special April 27 tree planting ceremony at the CDC. The tree planting ceremony included a short speech by DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Chief of Staff Griff Warren. About 40 children from the pre-kindergarten program participated in the tree planting, which was also attended by DLA Installation Support at Columbus leadership, parents and other installation associates. Above, Warren (second from left) and Barbara Palincsar, left, an environmental protection specialist from the DSCC Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office, speak to the children on the importance of the environment.

Operation Feed campaign under way on DSCC installation

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The annual drive to collect canned food items for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank is under way on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation and continues through May 27.

During a May 2 kickoff ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium, DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty said local associates have a proven track record of generosity during charitable campaigns.

"If there's one thing I've learned about the people who work on this installation, they don't hesitate to step up to the plate and do what's necessary to help those in need or those who are less fortunate than



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Joan Lloyd, Mid-Ohio Foodbank's Operation Feed campaign director, thanked volunteers for the DSCC installation campaign during a May 2 kickoff ceremony and gave several statistics on clients the food bank's partner agencies serve.

themselves," he said. McLaugherty challenged installation associates to exceed this year's goal of 48,500 meals to help alleviate hunger in central Ohio.

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Special BRAC town hall held at Anniston Army Depot in Alabama

By John Foreman
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

ANNISTON, Ala. — A special town hall meeting was conducted April 13 for employees who perform the Storage and Distribution mission at the Anniston Army Depot in northeastern Alabama.

The 40 S&D employees will transfer to the Defense Logistics Agency on June 19 as part of the Base Realignment and Closure decisions of 2005.

The Anniston Depot is one of the largest Army depots and supports Army vehicle repair requirements. It has been a major Army depot since 1940 and has been a

vehicle servicing and repair hub for the Army since 1952.

DLA Land Anniston's mission will be primarily a storage and distribution activity. Its employees are currently experts in expediting the distribution of Army goods and equipment and will continue to do so under the DLA flag. It is their expertise and dedication to duty that will make the transfer of the S&D function from the Army to the Defense Logistics Agency transparent to DLA's Army customer at Anniston.

The town hall agenda and speakers focused on helping Anniston-based employees understand the transfer process and

timeline.

DLA Anniston Provisional Commander Army Maj. James Godfrey welcomed everyone to the proceedings and introduced Anniston Army Depot Deputy Commander Jack Cline, who provided welcoming remarks and welcomed the DLA team to the installation. He focused on the alignment of missions between DLA Land and Maritime and Anniston Army Depot and recognized the strong efforts of the Anniston work force in support of the warfighter.

To the Anniston S&D work force present Cline said, "I encourage

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DLA PHOTOS BY JOHN FOREMAN

DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty provides an overview briefing about DLA and DLA Land and Maritime to 40 employees at Anniston Army Depot who will become the work force of DLA Land - Anniston on June 19.

Personal Perspective

DISCO employee explains importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle

By Arlena Fitch-Gordon

Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office

As an African-American female, I would like to share with you the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

On Nov. 26, 2010, I had emergency quadruple heart bypass surgery while I was on vacation in Orlando, Fla.

I was totally unaware that I had suffered a minor heart attack a



Arlena Fitch-Gordon

couple of days earlier. My only symptom was shortness of breath whenever I walked.

However, on Thanksgiving morning, I told my daughter-in-law, who is a medical doctor, about the shortness of breath I had been experiencing.

She immediately thought that I was either having a heart attack,

or had already experienced one.

I was immediately taken to the emergency room for observation. Many tests were performed during that day and night and I was informed later that night that I had indeed suffered a heart attack.

The next morning, I was transported to a larger hospital in Orlando that specialized in heart disease.

After receiving a heart catheterization, I was informed that I should have a quadruple heart bypass and

that if I didn't, a major heart attack was just waiting to happen.

My story to everyone who might read this article is to inform them that my neglect in maintaining a healthy lifestyle resulted in the deterioration of my heart and my having a heart attack.

I had high blood pressure issues for the last eight years, but I neglected to take my blood pressure medication on a regular basis and continued to eat all of the

wrong foods. However, my biggest mistake was not having frequent medical check-ups.

Sometimes, in life, we tend to get so caught up with our hectic lifestyles that we neglect the most important factor, which is maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

I am sharing my story with the hope that it might prevent another person from experiencing a heart attack or having to undergo a bypass operation as I did.

Briefs

Voice returns under new contract

After a three-month break, the Columbus Federal Voice is back on the newsracks on the DSCC installation and other federal workplaces throughout central Ohio.

The Voice is now being published under a new six-year contract with Cox Media Group of Ohio, which is located in Dayton and publishes the Dayton Daily News and the Skywriter, the commercial enterprise newspaper for Wright-Patterson AFB.

Publication of the Voice is coordinated through the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office, but stories and other items from any federal agency located in central Ohio are accepted for use in the Voice.

For information, call 614-692-2328. Or visit the new website at <http://federalvoice.defensesupplycentercolumbus.dla.mil/>.

Installation to observe APA Heritage Month

A celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month will be held at 1 p.m. May 17, in the Building 20 auditorium. All associates are invited.

The ceremony will include guest speaker Cathy Bao Bean and recognition of the Shoong Yin Award of Excellence recipient.

For information, call the DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 614-692-0740.

FEA ceremony recognizes excellence award winners

The annual Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio Excellence in Government Service awards luncheon was held May 5 at the Villa Milano conference center in Columbus.

A total of 15 awards were handed out in a variety of categories to individuals and teams from central



Oputa selected J6C Employee of the Month

Benita Oputa (right) was recently recognized as the J6C Employee of the Month for April. J6C director Susan Van Meter presented the award and certificate to her. Oputa, who has 32 years of federal service, began her career in 1979 with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 1982, she began working for the Defense Contract Administration Services Region (DCASR) in Atlanta and in 1989 transferred to Defense Finance Accounting Service in Columbus. In 1996, she became a computer specialist for the DLA System Design Center and has been in her current position at DLA Information Operations Columbus as the Finance Functional Team Lead information technology specialist since 2001. She is responsible for analyzing and processing all Enterprise Business System requirements related to financial management.

J6C PHOTO BY J. SPENCER DENISON

Ohio federal agencies, including DLA Land and Maritime, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DLA Installation Support Columbus, HUD, VA and others.

A full story with photos on the awards ceremony and winners will appear in the May 25 issue of the Voice.

Four to be inducted into Hall of Fame

Four former DLA Land and Maritime employees will be the inductees for this year's DLA Land and Maritime Hall of Fame ceremony. The four honorees are Dennis Canterbury, Ivan Hall, Dan Leasure and Cheryl Casey.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place July 6, at 1 p.m. in the Building 20 auditorium, with a reception to follow.

Yearling Road gate now open on Saturdays

The Yearling Road gate on the DSCC installation is now open every Saturday from 6 to 9 a.m. with both inbound traffic lanes operating to process vehicles with individuals who display a valid ID card for entry to the installation. Vehi-

cles that have occupants without a valid ID card will be directed to the Broad Street gate and through the Visitor Processing Center. This change is until further notice.

In addition, associates are reminded that a right turn on a red light when entering the center is not authorized at the Broad Street gate.

Training classes required for boat/camper rentals

Federal employees interested in renting a camper or boat through MWR's Rental Center at the DSCC Fitness Center now must attend a 20-minute training class that provides instructional and safety information.

Camper classes will be held on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and boat classes will be held on Wednesdays at 11:50 a.m. and 4:50 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Fitness Center from May through August and one class will certify a renter through April of the following season. Classes outside normal rental season will be by appointment only.

For more information, call Blair Hartley at 614-692-3084.

Registration open for DLA conference

Registration is now open for the 2011 DLA Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition, which will be held June 27-30 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Registration can be done at www.ndia.org/meetings/1780 by clicking on the "Registration" tab.

This conference will include participation from all DLA activities, to include DLA Troop Support, DLA Aviation, DLA Land and Maritime, DLA Energy, DLA Distribution, DLA Disposition Services and DLA Logistics Information Service. Last year's conference was attended by over 3,000 people and included more than 230 exhibits.

This year's event will once again be led by DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson and feature speakers from DoD, DLA, the military services and industry.

Ohio veterans may be eligible for bonus

Ohio residents who serve or served in the military during recent military operations may be eligible for the Ohio Veterans Bonus. The bonus is a monetary award to vet-

Calendar

May 2011

- MAY** – Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- MAY 13** – Armed Service Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
- MAY 17** – Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium
- MAY 20** – Armed Forces Day luncheon, 11 a.m., Villa Milano Banquet Center
- MAY 21** – Armed Forces Day
- MAY 26** – Culture Council Talent Showcase, 11:30 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
- MAY 27** – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
- MAY 30** – Memorial Day holiday

June 2011

- JUNE 10** – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
- JUNE 14** – Flag Day
- JUNE 14** – U.S. Army's 236th birthday
- JUNE 19** – Father's Day

erans of recent wars that continues Ohio's tradition of rewarding veterans that dates back to the Civil War.

Eligible veterans can receive \$100 per month, not to exceed \$1,000, for service in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan or Iraq during the specified periods, or \$50 per month, not to exceed \$500, for service elsewhere in the world during the compensable periods.

For information on requirements, or to apply, call 877-OHIO VET (877-644-6838) option 2, visit www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov or visit any county veterans service office.

Obituaries

Ella L. Anderson

Ella L. Anderson, 87, died March 26. Ms. Anderson was retired from DESC after 25 years of service.

Richard I. Barr

Richard I. Barr, 81 of Brookville, died Feb. 15 at his home. Mr. Barr was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and later retired from DESC after many years of service.

Alex A. Boudreaux

Alex A. Boudreaux, 90, died Feb. 20 at Summit Trace Healthcare Center. Mr. Boudreaux was a Tuskegee Airman and worked for 26 years as an air traffic controller at Port Columbus International Airport.

Fay Bowsher

Fay Bowsher, 60, of Venice, Fla., died April 8. Ms. Bowsher was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired as a security specialist from DSCC.

Audrey Pearl Lucks Boyer

Audrey Pearl Lucks Boyer, 80, died March 6 at Arbors East in Columbus. Ms. Boyer was retired from DCSC.

Janet Lynne Casler

Janet Lynne Casler, 59, of Heath, died March 8. Ms. Casler was retired from Newark Air Force Base after 33 years of service.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Irma Paul Castle

Elizabeth "Betsy" Irma Paul Castle, 45, of Salisbury, N.C., died at Forsyth Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ms. Castle worked for 23 years as an accountant at DSCC.

Beverly Lynn (Darrah) Craig

Beverly Lynn (Darrah) Craig, 53, of Noblesville, Ind., died Feb. 8 at Riverview Hospital. Ms. Craig was a former employee at Defense Logistics Agency in Columbus.

John C. Crase

John C. Crase, 88, of Newark, died April 16 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center. Mr. Crase, an electronics technician, was retired from Newark Air Force Base.

Thomas Albert DeLorme

Thomas Albert DeLorme, 89, of Chesterhill, formerly of Gahanna, died March 2 at the Genesis Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville. Mr. DeLorme was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Paul R. Dicken

Paul R. Dicken, 84, died Feb. 12 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. Mr. Dicken was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was retired from DCSC after 33 years of service.

Dale Truman English

Dale Truman English, 63, of Columbus and Mooresburg, Tenn., died April 15 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus. Mr. English was a veteran and member of the Ohio National Guard and retired from DFAS Columbus in 2002.

Thomas A. Farrell

Thomas A. Farrell, 59, of Reynoldsburg, died March 20. Mr. Farrell was retired from DSCC after 26 years of service.

Robert William Ferguson

Robert William Ferguson, 88, died Feb. 17. Mr. Ferguson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a former DCSC employee and member of the DCSC Officers Club.

Harold E. Greer

Harold E. Greer, 83, of Westerville and formerly of Marion, died April 9 at the Highbanks Care Center in Worthington. Mr. Greer was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC after 30 years of service.

Jeanne L. Gross

Jeanne L. Gross, 65, died Feb. 25 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Ms. Gross was retired from the IRS.

James Hawkins Sr.

James Hawkins Sr., 70, died March 1 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Mr. Hawkins served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force and retired from DCSC and DFAS.

Ernest Holt Jr.

Ernest Holt Jr., 90, of Dayton, died Feb. 11. Mr. Holt was retired from DESC after 36 years of service.

Lawanna Johnson

Lawanna Johnson, 48, died Feb. 9 at Crown Point Care Center in Columbus. Ms. Johnson was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was a retiree of the Defense Logistics Agency at DSCC after 23 years of service.

Sue Ellen Hauck Jolley

Sue Ellen Hauck Jolley, 63, died Feb. 26 in Columbus. Ms. Jolley was employed at DFAS Columbus.

Kathryn Warthen Jones

Kathryn Warthen Jones, 95, died March 3 at Mayfair Village in Columbus. Ms. Jones was retired from DCSC.

Oscar J. Leach

Oscar J. Leach, 96, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, and later Lakeland, Fla., died April 15 at Columbia Cottage, Hanover, Pa. Mr. Leach was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC.

Robert F. "Bob" Mahler Sr.

Robert F. "Bob" Mahler Sr., 89, formerly of Columbus, died April 9. Mr. Mahler was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from the FBI in 1973 as the Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge of the Columbus office.

Jereline McMahan

Jereline McMahan, 62, of Columbus, died March 6. Ms. McMahan was an employee in the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at DLA Land and Maritime.

Jewell A. Nesbitt

Jewell A. Nesbitt died April 11 at Ohio State University Hospital East. Ms. Nesbitt was retired from DCSC.

Kenneth R. Partington

Kenneth R. Partington, 93, died April 4 at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, Ohio. Mr. Partington was a World War II veteran and was formerly employed as a mechanical engineer at Newark Air Force Base.

Rick J. Preskar

Rick J. Preskar, 65, of Columbus, died March 9. Mr. Preskar was a 10-year veteran of the U.S. Army Security Agency and was a retired electronics technician from DISA.

Herbert C. "Herb" Randolph

Herbert C. "Herb" Randolph, 96, of Granville died April 26 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center. Mr. Randolph was a U.S. Army Air Corps and World War II veteran and was retired from Newark Air Force Base.

Emma E. Ross

Emma E. Ross, 84, died Feb. 27 in Macon, Ga. Ms. Ross was retired from DCSC.

Everett Walker Rupert

Everett Walker Rupert, 91, of Clemson Downs Retirement Community and formerly of Columbus, Ohio, died Feb. 26 at an Med Hospital in Anderson, S.C. Mr. Rupert was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired from the U.S. Treasury Department with 30 years of government service.

Reva Smith Shaffer

Reva Smith Shaffer, 77, of Newark, died March 21 at Licking Memorial Hospital. Ms. Shaffer retired from Newark Air Force Base in 1988.

Mary Grace Silver

Mary Grace Silver, 84, of Mason, Ohio, died March 22. Ms. Silver worked as a librarian at DESC for many years, retiring in 1989.

Susanna Smith

Susanna Smith, 93, died March 27 at Wexner Heritage Village in Columbus. Ms. Smith was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC.

Paul C. "Poppy" Thompson Sr.

Paul C. "Poppy" Thompson Sr., 84, of Columbus, died April 24. Mr. Thompson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and worked at DCSC.

James Tucker

James Tucker, 96, died March 15. Mr. Tucker was retired from DCCO.

David John White

David John White, 84, died Feb. 17 at his residence. Mr. White was a U.S. Army veteran of Korea and a former employee of DCSC.

Donald A. Wilber

Donald A. Wilber, 56, of Pickerington, died April 21 at the Ohio State Medical Center. Mr. Wilber was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked at DFAS Columbus.

Alfred E. Woodson

Alfred E. Woodson, 85, of Columbus, died March 13. Mr. Woodson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC in 1980 after 36 years of service.

Local Ohio National Guard unit returns from Iraq



PHOTOS BY ARMY 1ST LT. KIMBERLY SNOW AND DOUGLAS NICODEMUS

Family and friends were waiting with open arms as 20 soldiers from the Columbus-based 196th Public Affairs Detachment (Mobile) returned home from a year-long deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The Ohio National Guard held a welcome home ceremony Feb. 24 for the unit at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. Among those welcoming them home was Ohio Adjutant General Army Maj. Gen. Deb-

orah Ashenhurst.

The unit mobilized in March 2010 and spent the past year serving the public affairs needs of the 13th and 103d Expeditionary Sustainment Commands in Balad and the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad.

This is the unit's second deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The unit first mobilized for service in Iraq in January 2004, returning in March 2005.

TOP: Capt. Robert Miller of the 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment embraces his children just moments after getting off of a bus at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church.

LEFT: Army Pfc. Benjamin Wise of the 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Ohio National Guard, gets a hug from his sister upon arrival at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church following a yearlong deployment to Iraq in support

of Operation New Dawn.

RIGHT: Sgt. Michael Carden of the 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment embraces his daughters just moments after getting off of a bus at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church Feb. 24, 2011, for a ceremony welcoming his unit home ceremony from a yearlong deployment to Iraq. This is the second deployment to Iraq for the Columbus-based unit.

DLA associates work together to support Truman maintenance

Several Defense Logistics Agency associates recently worked together to meet an emergency need to support maintenance on the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75).

Tracy Fisher, a DLA Land and Maritime customer support representative located at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, coordinated with DLA Troop Support for an emergency lumber buy for Norfolk Naval Shipyard with a need date of Feb. 14.

The shipyard ordered 16,128 board feet of 13-inch by 15-inch white oak in order to fabricate docking blocks for the Truman's extended maintenance period.

The requisition was ordered Jan. 31 and DLA Troop Support associates Helen Donato and Alex Taddei had it on contract by Feb. 2, with 7,540 board feet delivered by Feb. 8 and the rest scheduled to be delivered by Feb. 14.

Maritime Customer Operations acting director Debbie Haven issued a "bravo zulu" to Donato and Taddei. "Without their assistance, DLA would not have met this requirement," Haven said.

The Truman will spend the majority of 2011 in its extended maintenance period, after a very successful 2010 during which Truman was deployed for 213 days and conducted nearly 3,000 combat sorties in support of ground forces in Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

The Truman was recently named the 2010 Battle Efficiency, or Battle "E", award winner by Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic. This is Truman's third consecutive Battle "E" award and the sixth award in the ship's 12-year history. The ship also won the award in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009.



PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 3RD CLASS BRIAN BROOKS

The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) returns to Naval Station Norfolk in December after a seven-month deployment. Harry S. Truman deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.

DLA associates work together to meet emergency request from Navy



Several DLA Land and Maritime associates worked together recently to meet an emergency request for a critical part needed for the F/A-18 fighter jet.

On March 15, Rich Furchner, a supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations, received an urgent request from Rufino Miranda, a customer logistics site specialist for DLA Aviation in San Diego to expedite two requisitions for

a door assembly linkage shaft in support of the F/A-18 production line at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

Miranda's note stated that, "Delays in getting this material will create work stoppage and impact fleet readiness."

The requisitions were assigned that same day to buyer James Josey, who consolidated the requirements. He contacted the vendor for the part for an updated quote and the surplus certification.

The certification, along with updated pricing, was received from the vendor the same day and referred for acceptance review

from product specialist Ron Heinze, who completed his review the next day, finding the material offered to be acceptable.

After ironing out a few additional details, Josey made the award March 17 to the vendor, which shipped the material the following day.

The F/A-18 is the Navy's all-weather fighter and attack aircraft. It is designed for traditional strike applications such as interdiction and close air support. F/A-18 Hornets are currently operating in 37 tactical squadrons from air stations worldwide, and from 10 aircraft carriers.

U.S. NAVY FILE PHOTO
An F/A-18C Hornet lowers its tail hook in preparation for landing aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

2011 Greater Columbus Area Armed Forces Day Luncheon set for May 20

The 2011 Greater Columbus Area Armed Forces Day Luncheon will be held Friday, May 20, at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. and the program will begin promptly

at 11:45. Advance tickets and reservations can be made for \$20; the cost is \$25 at the door. Mail ticket requests to MIL/VETS - AFDL, ATTN: Rick Isbell, 90 W. Broad St., 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

For further assistance, call Isbell at 614-645-6504.

During the luncheon the annual Serviceperson of the Year Award will be handed out and the military serviceperson from each of the services will be recognized. ROTC and JROTC Scholarships will be awarded and

other awards will be handed out.

The featured speaker this year is Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Francis L. Kelly Jr., commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va. Kelly is a 1983 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and is also a

Marine aviator specializing in the Tactical Electronic Warfare mission.

In addition, he has served as a military assistant to Dr. Delores Etter, deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

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Maritime Supplier Ops supervisor recognized for efforts

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

An associate who supervises the acquisition team that is part of the Connectors Integrated Support Team in Maritime Supplier Operations has been selected as the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for February.

Deena Griffith supervises a team of seven acquisition specialists and one purchasing agent who buy electrical connectors for military customers. She was recognized at the March 28 Supervisors Call.

Griffith, who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime for nearly 10 years, said she believes in empowering her team and letting them decide how they will accomplish their work, within certain boundaries.

"We have a great working environment that focuses on trust and respect for each other and a pride in our performance. They don't need me looking over their shoulders," she said, adding that her team has met its performance goals for the past three years.

"I feel like I'm more of a guide or coach who manages a great team," she stated.

Her IST chief, Rocky Sunday, said Griffith is an effective supervisor and continually tries to improve her leadership skills.

"As a leader, she is able to get her people to trust her and be sold on her vision," Sunday said. "She is an honest, forward-looking, competent, inspiring and intelligent leader who is able to get others to perform at a higher level."

Griffith, a native of Boardman, Ohio, said she enjoys working with different types of people and learning from them through the mutual goal of supporting the warfighter.

"I'm a big believer in lifelong learning," she said. "I also really enjoy working here because I feel like what we do here makes a difference. I really take pride in that."

Sunday said that in order to better support the warfighter, Griffith encourages her team to award WIP requisitions within 45 days of receipt instead of the normal 60 days and increased each buyer's workload queue to an average of 50-70 requisitions instead of the normal 35.

"Deena makes an effort to pay attention to the total life cycle performance of an item and support costs. She makes an effort to align our performance metrics around customer requirements," Sunday said.

Because of her strategic focus and knowledge of Disciplined Production Control, Griffith was selected to travel to Philadelphia last summer with DPC project manager Anita Luech and help train associates in the Maritime supply chain there in using DPC.

"DLA is one big team and we all have the same mission, so I was happy to go and assist with DPC implementation," she said.

Griffith has a bachelor of arts degree in international business and economics from Mount Union College and a master's degree in business administration from Ohio Dominican University.



DLA PHOTO BY RACHEL KOON
Deena Griffith (right), an Integrated Supply Team acquisition supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for February from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams at the March 28 Supervisors Call.



Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel talked about his admiration for the military and leadership during his March 15 visit to DLA Land and Maritime. He was a guest of the Leadership Development Association.

OSU football coach discusses leadership during DSCC visit

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel talked about his admiration for the military, his definition of leadership, the 2002 national championship team and only briefly alluded to his current trouble with the NCAA during his March 15 visit to the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation at the invitation of the Leadership Development Association.

"I can't tell what an honor this is to be with this group. It humbling, quite honestly," he said taking the stage at the DSCC auditorium.

Tressel told how his father, Lee, recruited by Ohio State coach Paul Brown, chose to leave school to join the service during World War II. After the war, the elder Tressel chose to play at Baldwin Wallace, where he later became head football coach and led the Yellow Jackets to a national title.

"I grew up at a time where I didn't take that opportunity to serve my country," said Tressel, who had a high lottery number in the Vietnam draft. "I didn't get that honor of serving, and it has probably been the largest vacuum in my life."

The 58-year-old coach said that when he and his 2002 team read the book "Expanding Your Horizons," the story of the 1942 Buckeyes, OSU's first national championship team, his bond with the military was cemented. Of the 43 members on that team, 34 served in World War II.

"That's when our love affair began with the military," Tressel said. "We brought back as many of them (1942 team members) as we could. Hardly a day goes by when we don't have soldiers at our practices."

Tressel said he admires the military's dedication, commitment, attitude and caring.



Ohio State University football coach Jim Tressel (left) gets a brief history of the installation in the DSCC History Gallery from Tony D'Elia of the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office.

"We steal most of our ideas from reading about the military, listening to the military. There is no one more unselfish on the planet than those who serve in uniform," he said. "It's imperative to us to get our young people to understand what becoming a servant is and what becoming a leader is."

"I'm not sure that we get the message across to our public just how many people serve and in what ways, and the pride they take in their service."

"Leadership is simply service — serving others," said the coach. "It's the willingness every single person has to serve in whatever responsibility or opportunity they have ... Every one of us is a leader, every one of us is a servant."

Tressel asked how many in the audience are raising teenagers. "I have 115, and that's why I'm a little grey," he said. His players are blessed with much talent and abilities, he said, adding that with those gifts go a responsibility "to reach out and care for others."

It's imperative that we develop leaders, Tressel stressed.

He said leaders need to take risks, communicate what they want to accomplish, and be accountable for all their actions.

"We're in a situation right now that I didn't get as wise of counsel as I should have, and so I am accountable for a leadership action that I took," he said, alluding to his current problems with the NCAA. "But that's part of being a leader. When you are a leader and you are a servant, you look it right in the eyes, you learn, you know what you should do, you are reminded that you should always seek wise counsel, and then you go forward. You've got to take responsibility and you've got to move forward."

He added that leaders also need to have "a sense of impending greatness" and never quit. He said the 2002 national championship team had that sense of greatness.

"The older ones on that team didn't have the success they dreamed about when they decided to come to Ohio State," he said. But "they talked about a national championship from day one."

About DLA Land and Maritime, he said, "I'm not sure everyone knows what you do here is important, but what's important is that you know," he said. "When you walk around here you know, you can feel that this is a place of service, and this is a place of leadership."

He made a play on words to compliment Land and Maritime: "In part, in parts, this particular group is critical in what's going on in the biggest problem of the moment."

Before taking the stage, he discussed the prospects for the 2011 season.

"We'll be young," he said, noting that the team loses 24 seniors, nine of whom he said are National Football League prospects. "They're making big gains in the weight room," he added.

Local TV news anchor promotes health issues for Women's History Month

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

"Lifestyle choices can lower our (health) risks," Channel 10 news anchor Andrea Cambern told the audience in the Building 20 auditorium. "There are tiny little things we can do each day that can lower our risks."

The energetic television anchor gave tips on keeping fit and healthy. She stressed the importance of sleep, eating fruits and vegetables, getting 30 minutes of exercise per day, and stress relief in her presentation as part of the 2011 Women's History Month Health Initiative Program at Defense Supply Center Columbus.

DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander Jim McLaugherty said in his opening remarks that "we all have a vested interest in health and fitness, but women are the foundation of our families."

Cambren told how health sciences have progressed during the past 100 years. Back then, women lived to an average age of 47 and now it's up to 78. Ironically, she added that women's life expectancy is going down due to certain recent lifestyle changes.

She held up a plastic mockup of five pounds of human fat that was larger than a loaf of bread. "We smoke too much. We eat too much," she said.

The No. 1 killer is heart disease, she said. "We don't think of it as a woman's disease, but one out of every two women die of heart disease. But, we ignore the warning signs."

Another health danger is stress, she said. "We don't have to be so serious all the time. Being worried is a waste of energy. Laughter really is the best medicine. We have to laugh," said Cambren, who proudly announced that she had recently celebrated her 52nd birthday. "50 is the new 25," she told the audience.

Cambren told how she got to be local televi-



DLA PHOTO BY RACHEL KOON
Channel 10 news anchor Andrea Cambern holds up a plastic mockup of five pounds of human fat that was larger than a loaf of bread during her visit for the 2011 Women's History Month Health Initiative Program at Defense Supply Center Columbus. "We smoke too much. We eat too much," she said during the March 8 event.

sion's most visible health advocate. Earlier in her career, her boss, noting the high interest in health and fitness, asked her if she'd like to be the station's health reporter. It didn't take her long to accept the job.

"It sure beats standing there on a corner reporting on death and destruction in our neighborhoods," she said.

Laugherty tackles long-term contracting challenges to take award

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A member of the Tailored Support Team has been selected Associate of the Month for January at DLA Land and Maritime.

An acquisition specialist in the Strategic Acquisition Programs Directorate, Patrick J. Laugherty was recently presented the award by Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Laugherty has 10 years of federal service. He graduated from St. Charles Preparatory High School and went on to Bowling Green State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications.

"I really enjoy my job because it's something different every day," said Laugherty, who was a spot buyer as an intern before coming to long-term contracting in 2006. "Every project is different, and there's always a different challenge. I learn something new every day. It's very complex. There are a lot of different rules and regulations and procedures that have to be followed," he added.

During the past fiscal year, Laugherty's team awarded 62 contracts with an annual demand value of more than \$32.2 million, and a five-year total in excess of \$161 million. Laugherty was said to be instrumental in his team's exemplary performance. He personally awarded 12 contracts supporting 40 critical and readiness driver items, and in spite of having high value and complex acquisitions, there have been no protests.

"Processing and completing long-term contracts is a major feat," said Steve Rodocker, director of the Strategic Acquisition Programs Directorate. "For all of the



DLA PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRIS
DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) congratulates acquisition specialist Patrick J. Laugherty for his selection as the Associate of the Month for January.

contracts Patrick awarded during fiscal 2011, his average time from packet assignment to contract award is an incredible 211 days versus 365 days extracted from the recent Black Belt study for all DSCC contracts." Rodocker explained that those 211 days included multiple external reviews.

"Patrick has mastered all aspects of this intricate and complex process," Rodocker added.

Laugherty had personally negotiated savings in excess of \$6 million on a gunner restraint system contract for the Humvee and the MRAP, but when the Tailored Support Team tactfully and intentionally notified the manufacturer that another source would soon be in place, they announced another price reduction that resulted in saving of almost \$51 million, a 43 percent savings.

Puget associates participate in highway cleanup effort for Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, associates from the DLA Maritime-Puget Sound detachment recently adopted two sections of Highway 304 in Bremerton, about 1.5 miles total, just outside the entrance to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Twelve volunteers braved the drizzly weather to participate in the first pick-up from 8 to 10 a.m. April 16. Volunteers picked up four large bags of trash and took four more bags to the recycling facility. As part of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, the detachment has pledged to participate in clean-up events four times a year. Participants were from left, Anna Harlan, Doug Bovie, Patricia Bovie, Ben Casad, Lida Howard, Melanie Stewart, Wayne Morris, Vince Tholen, Penny Morris, Ryan Joyce and Kyle Joyce.

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Columbus associates, team recognized for Value Engineering efforts

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Two individuals and the Value Management team in Operations Support at DLA Land and Maritime have been recognized for their efforts by being named winners of fiscal 2010 Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement Awards.

Value analyst Robert Volk received an individual award, while Operations Support deputy director Dave Szczublewski and the Value Management team received special award for outstanding achievement.

The awards will be presented June 22 at the Pentagon by Frank Kendall, Principal Deputy, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-



tion, Technology and Logistics.

Volk was recognized for processing 85 Value Engineering Proposals (VEPs) and documenting \$13.4 million in savings for fiscal 2010, which represented 18 percent of the DLA Land and Maritime Value Engineering savings goal.

Value Management Program manager Alan Will said Volk recorded the highest savings total of any value analyst on the DLA Land and Maritime Value Engineering Team. Volk was commended for his

work with contractors on unsolicited Source Approval Request (SAR) packages submitted to DLA Land and Maritime and taking the time to explain to contractors the minimum criteria required for successful SAR completion and submit during Training, Knowledge and Opportunity seminars sponsored by the Small Business Office.

"In working with the new contractors and participating in the TKO Seminars, Mr. Volk is a frontrunner in DLA Land and Maritime Value

Engineering Program marketing and customer outreach," Will said.

Szczublewski, who is now the deputy director of Operations Support, was recognized for his tenure as the Value Management Program manager from 2005 to 2010, during which DLA Land and Maritime implemented 6,964 Value Engineering projects with savings exceeding \$390 million.

Mary Hart of DLA Logistics Operations said Szczublewski was "instrumental in managing multiple programs within Value Management" and undertook numerous initiatives during his time as program manager.

One of those initiatives was a breakout session held at several DLA Land and Maritime supplier conferences to promote Value

Management programs to suppliers. Another was support to the Land supply chain by reviewing thousands of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle items for savings opportunities. The VM team was able to document 1,427 projects with more than \$62.5 million in savings on MRAP items from fiscal 2008 to fiscal 2010.

The DLA Land and Maritime Value Management Team was recognized with a special award for recording a total savings of \$78.27 million in fiscal 2010. The savings was realized through work on 601 initial direct projects, 936 follow-on direct projects, 54 initial indirect projects, and 64 follow-on indirect projects. Of the total savings reported, \$51.67 million was from direct savings and \$26.60

million was from indirect savings. The Value Management Office reported net six-year savings of \$415 million.

The team was also recognized for making improvements in customer support part of its primary mission.

The Value Engineering Awards Program is an acknowledgment of exemplary achievements and encourages additional projects to improve in-house and contractor productivity. Award winners from each DoD component are eligible for selection in the following five categories: program/project, individual, team, organization, and contractor. Additional "special" awards are given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expand the traditional scope of value engineering use.

Land and Maritime, detachment leaders meet to synchronize support efforts

By Dan Bender
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Sharing information and synchronizing efforts were the main goals of a March 3 summit involving Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime senior leaders and the leaders of the organization's 11 detachment sites.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams said he hoped the event would help everyone understand organizational priorities and better work together as a team to support the warfighter.

"This is a team building session because we are so spread out," Williams said. "For me, it's all about team. I want to make sure there's very little air between happens here in Columbus and your detachment sites."

The commander told the detachment leaders that leaders in Columbus "are here for you. I know it doesn't always feel that way but the reason all of the directors and deputies are here is to identify and respond to issues from our detachments as a whole."

"We needed one whole day to concentrate on you and that's what this day is about," he added. "I hope you leave here more informed than when you got here. I ask that you keep an open mind on what we'll be discussing and that you'll really gain an understanding of the priorities of the organization."



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Watching DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty (foreground) sign the Detachment Council Charter, which forms the newest DLA Land and Maritime council, are leaders from the detachments who came to Columbus for a March 3-4 summit. They are (from left) Brian Mueller (Puget Sound, Wa.), Ellen Dennis (Warren, Mich.), Milton Lewis (DLA Land and Maritime acquisition executive), Donna Shephard (Portsmouth NSYD), Edgar Thomas (Barstow, Calif.), Joe Long (Norfolk, Va.), John Lambert (Albany, Ga.), George Frye (Tobytanna, Pa.), Roger Dixon (Philadelphia), and Navy Cmdr. Donald Tyer (Pearl Harbor, Hawaii).

Williams said he understands that some friction will occur because of the varying locations and service priorities represented at the detachment sites.

"Don't hesitate to put your cards on the table and ask us to address them," he stated. "This is intended to be a roll up our sleeves results-oriented session."

Following Williams' opening remarks, DLA Land and Maritime BRAC Office director Don Schulze provided a brief overview of the BRAC 2005 decision as it relates to the detachments, as well as the expected savings and further actions required for these BRAC-related initiatives.

Later in the morning, Schulze and Deanna Blesch led a discussion with breakout groups on the status of DLA system-integration efforts and opportunities for future efficiencies.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," Schulze said. "We're looking for feedback from you as to how we can better synchronize our efforts. We want to know what we did well and what we can do better."

DLA Land and Maritime Chief of Staff Air Force Col. Dan Hicks briefly discussed a revamping of the DLA Land and Maritime organization chart to streamline and better coordinate which directorates and personnel to which detachments would report.

Attendees then divided into three groups for breakout sessions, during which discussion topics included synchronization cells and BRAC Day 2 implementation and efficiencies. Williams led a session that focused on shipyard supply, storage and distribution issues, Deputy Commander James McLaugh-

erty led a session on storage and distribution issues for Land Supply Chain detachments, and acquisition executive Milt Lewis led a third session on Depot Level Reparables that focused on long-term contracting and other issues.

The afternoon included discussions by J6C on connectivity issues, VTC initiatives, communications concerns, regularly scheduled events and battle rhythm.

Also discussed was the formation of a Detachment Council to provide a forum for all detachments to address operational, administrative and cultural issues associated with maintaining optimal performance at remote locations. A charter for the Detachment Council was signed at the conclusion of the March 4 senior leaders' offsite.

Feed

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He noted that demands on the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and the network of pantries it supports continue to grow each year.

"That's why we need your help this month in urging the installation's workforce to donate what they can to this noble cause," McLaugherty told the audience.

Operation Feed is a community-wide partnership between the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and local businesses, schools and civic groups to raise critically needed resources. Food from the campaign is collected at the food bank warehouse and then distributed to partner agencies across 20 counties.

Joan Lloyd, director of the Operation Feed campaign and the guest speaker during the kickoff, seconded McLaugherty, saying the need for donated food items continues to increase.

"Thank you all for volunteering with the campaign," Lloyd said. "When everyone does a little, the food bank can do a lot."

According to an Operation Feed fact sheet, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributed nearly 40 million pounds of food in 2010, enabling partner agencies to provide more than 51,000 meals each day. In addition, soup kitchens in the food bank's service area serve more than 278,000 meals every month.

Operation Feed began May 2 and will continue until May 27 on the DSCC installation. The food bank states the following food items are the most-needed: pasta meals in a can, canned fruit, tuna, canned vegetables, canned meat, soup and peanut butter. Perishable and home-canned foods or items in glass jars are not accepted.

Vern Shaw, the Operation Feed campaign coordinator for the DSCC installation, explained that canned and other non-perishable items can be left in marked Operation Feed boxes throughout installation buildings or at the collection truck parked north of Building 20. Donations at the truck will be accepted from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday through May 25, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 27.

For information, call Shaw at 614-692-8886.

Award

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1,600 weapons systems, and processing more than 6 million orders in support of DoD customers.

"The installations we recognize today demonstrate leadership and a positive influence, creativity, commitment and decisive action," Carter said. "They embody courage, integrity and initiative as they protect our citizens and strengthen our military."

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams said it was "an honor to have our installation named as one of the five best installations in the Department of Defense."

"The personnel who work on the DSCC installation have shown time and time again their outstanding support to the warfighter and their various missions," he said.

Williams noted that the CINC award ceremony was taking place on the 93rd birthday of the DSCC installation.



DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson (right) chats with (from left) DLA Enterprise Support Director Air Force Col. Thomas Laffey, Barb Robertson, acting deputy director of Land Customer Operations, and DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty after the CINC award ceremony May 4 at the Pentagon.

"During those 93 years, the name of the installation has changed 14 times and the mission has changed, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to supporting the warfighter, along

with the quality of our workforce and their commitment to excellence," he said.

In addition to DLA Land and Maritime, other installations recognized were

the U.S. Army Garrison in Wiesbaden, Germany; the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif.; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; and Spangdahlem

Air Base, Germany.

Carter pointed out that, "the very criteria that we use for the commander in chief's award reflect a broad scope of installation responsibilities."

Criteria include supporting military missions, providing a high quality of life for service members and their families, ensuring the health and safety of service members and their families, interacting with surrounding communities, exercising sound business and communications practices and demonstrating responsible environmental stewardship.

In an April 29 note to the recipients, President Barack Obama congratulated the awardees on their achievement.

"Your installations are being honored for exceeding all standards, and I hope you take pride in the example set by your continued commitment to excellence," he wrote. "As our nation rises to meet the challenges of the 21st century, I thank you for your stalwart dedication and encourage you to continue striving to be the best of the best."

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all of you here today to ask questions. If you don't understand the process, if you don't understand what is going to happen with this transfer of function, now is the time to ask any questions you may have. Don't be shy. I guarantee you if one of you has a specific question ask it because someone else probably has that same question."

After Cline's remarks, DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty introduced the DLA video and briefed the employees on the DLA Land and Maritime mission, vision and values and spoke about Base Realignment and Closure S&D objectives.

"This is our eleventh standup and the last of the Base Realignment and Closure sites to standup with DLA Land and Maritime. So, we're pretty well schooled in preparing for any questions you may have. We want to answer everybody's questions. Make sure you ask us and hold us accountable for those answers. We're here for you, so please feel free to ask."

"I have a great admiration for the seriousness of purpose and a



DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty talks with Anniston Army Depot employee Robert Dubois about the concerns of term employees who are transferring to DLA Anniston June 19.

great gratitude for what you do in support of the warfighter.

"DLA is here to help you do your job better. We're not coming in thinking we're the experts on anything. We're here to help you perform the mission you're already doing so well here," McLaugherty said.

He made it clear during his briefing that the transferring employees won't be moved or contracted out and that this transfer will be seamless and transparent to the customer.

"This is an 'As is, where is' transfer. You are the experts. We recognize that and we want to learn from you and bring you the

training and skills you need to make your operation better. And I want to emphasize that there are no plans for downsizing in the future. We're counting on your knowledge and expertise to make this as smooth a transition as possible," McLaugherty stated.

Following McLaugherty were briefings presented by Harvey Hodak of DLA Human Resources, who discussed personnel and pay related issues, and Christopher Mabry, the Common Access Card representative from the DLA Land and Maritime BRAC office.

After the briefings, a question and answer period with DLA Human Resource Center Colum-



Michelle Hanshaw
Material examiner and identifier at Anniston Army Depot



Demetrius McCluney
Automated Storage Retrieval System work leader at Anniston Army Depot



Angela Whatley
Material examiner and identifier at Anniston Army Depot



Alma Lindsey
Material examiner and identifier at Anniston Army Depot

iner and identifier, said, "Like any transfer, you're afraid of losing your job, especially with the economy being the way it is. But I think a lot of questions did get answered. We really appreciate the information you brought to the floor today. Having this meeting gives us a lot of relief, because we've heard a lot of ugly rumors about job losses. This meeting helped calm those fears."

Angela Whatley, another material examiner and identifier, said, "I feel comfortable with the questions asked and the answers we received. I'm looking forward to the transfer and I'm looking forward to working for DLA."

Demetrius McCluney, the work leader for the Automated Storage Retrieval System, said, "Today's town hall answered a lot of my questions and concerns for the employees that I work with on the ASRS. My biggest question concerned the term employees and how they would be handled. I felt pretty good about how the answers were provided. Time will tell about how everything will take effect."

The actual transfer of function for DLA Anniston is scheduled for June 19. A ceremony marking the transfer of function for DLA Anniston is scheduled for June 22.

bus, DLA headquarters and DLA Land and Maritime experts was held for the 40 employees in the audience. Many of the employees asked questions on how the transfer would affect them.

Michelle Hanshaw, a material examiner and identifier at Anniston, said, "The meeting went pretty well. A lot of questions were answered and I found it pretty interesting. It looks like everything is going to be transferred and we'll be doing the same thing as we're doing now."

Alma Lindsey, a material exam-

Sports & Leisure

Disabled veterans get assist on golf game during clinic at Eagle Eye

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Eagle Eye Golf Course was the scene of a different kind of golf clinic April 18.

The Fore Hope clinic held that sunny afternoon was for military veterans with health challenges or disabilities such as amputation, stroke, visual impairment, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder or other difficulties. Fore Hope Inc. has strived to create a program to enhance lives through therapeutic golf. With volunteer golf pros and assistants, Fore Golf is able to introduce the sport to disabled people.

Mike Prindle and Bob Thomas, both Air Force veterans, were among eight veterans from the Wylie Veterans Administration Patient Outpatient Clinic who participated at the Eagle Eye driving range and practice putting green.

Thomas, an F-4 pilot during the Vietnam War, lost his sight when he was shot down by a SAM (surface to air missile) in 1972. He managed to eject from the aircraft, but spent the next five years in a hospital.

"But, some never came back alive," he said, taking a break from swinging his 7-iron. With the help of Brent Kalb, Thomas was getting off some respectable shots at the range. "I've learned a lot today," said Thomas, who was among four vision-impaired golfers at the clinic.

Prindle retired from the Air Force after 23 years and became a mail carrier. His golf pastime was interrupted when bone cancer took his left leg.

Golf pro Todd Forwood had Prindle swinging again in no time. Prindle swings with his right arm while balancing on a cane in his left hand.

Forwood said he got a bigger appreciation of his sport while working with his father, who had suffered a stroke. Joining Forwood were fellow golf pros Brent Kalb, Don Sargent, Jason Dick and Eagle Eye pro Jeff Bills.

Another golfer who became disabled is Fore Golf's inspiration. Executive director Mindy Derr started Fore Golf in 1989 after her father Guy, an avid golfer in Loudonville, Ohio, became disabled.

Derr hopes to expand services to the military community with the VA and Defense Sup-



DLA PHOTOS BY RACHEL KOCHIN
ABOVE: Air Force veteran Mike Prindle (left) watches as golf pro Todd Forwood demonstrates how to hit the golf ball while balancing on a cane at the Fore Golf clinic for disabled military veterans April 18 at the DSCC Eagle Eye Golf Course. **BELOW:** Golf pro Brent Kalb (right) helps blind Air Force veteran Bob Thomas line up a putt at the Fore Golf clinic April 18 at the DSCC Eagle Eye Golf Course.

ply Center Columbus. According to Bills, his course will be host to a spring-summer golf league for the vets. They hope to play two to three holes in their first monthly session in May.

"The participants were very happy and the Fore Golf staff was very pleased," Bills said. "This was their first event focusing strictly on military veterans."

Bills was approached by Fore Golf late last year about the possibility of having an event for veterans, and now a monthly event is planned. Play dates have been reserved for May 12, June 17, July 15, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9. Meanwhile, Fore Golf has lent two handicap-accessible golf carts to the Eagle Eye for use by veterans. They are lightweight with swing-out seats.

Fore Golf relies on corporate support and one of its newest sponsors is OrthoNeuro, a physicians' group that specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and prevention of musculoskeletal and neurological disorders.



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DLA Land and Maritime associate named Woman of the Year at annual luncheon

By Dan Bender

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DLA Land and Maritime associate Yvonne Mattison-Pardon, a customer account specialist in Maritime Customer Operations, was named the 2011 Woman of the Year at the annual defense federal community Women's History Month luncheon.

Mattison-Pardon was one of five finalists for the award announced at the luncheon, held March 16 at Whitehall Community Park. The theme for this year's observance was "Our History is Our Strength."

Lillian Gray of DFAS Columbus was named first runner-up and Frances Quinones of DLA Land and Maritime was second runner-up for the award, which recognizes local female federal employees who excel at work and in their involvement in the local community.

Mattison-Pardon encouraged everyone in attendance to "make a difference" at work and in the community by reaching out to others, helping out when possible and being good servants for the nation's armed forces.

"God has blessed each one of us," she said. "We must invest in and reach out to each other."

Guest speaker Sharon Wong, special assistant to the director of the newly-created Office of Diversity and Inclusion within the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C., said that it is important to look back on the history of the women's movement in America and also to prepare for the future in a rapidly changing world.

"It's important to know how hard others have worked before us and that there is still work to be done," she said, adding that women's lives have changed substantially through the years.

"We have an obligation to be a catalyst for those who follow us," said Wong, who worked for NASA for 25 years prior to her appointment to her current post. "When you reach the pinnacle of success, don't forget to turn around and lend a helping hand to those behind you; that way the chain won't be broken."

She urged support of the Paycheck Fairness Act, noting that women still receive less pay on average than men for comparable work.

"When women make less than men for the same work, it impacts the whole family," she said, adding that women have caught up to men in numbers attending college and in the workforce.

She also briefly discussed the goals of the new office in which she works. It is tasked by OPM with reaching out to recruit the best and brightest employees to



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Cassandra De La Rossa and Katina Jennings of Selah Productions performed an interpretive dance during the Women's History Month luncheon.



DLA Land and Maritime associate Yvonne Mattison-Pardon (center), a customer account specialist in Maritime Customer Operations who recently retired, was named the 2011 Woman of the Year at the annual defense federal community Women's History Month luncheon. Presenting the award to her were Pam Franceschi (left), deputy site director for DFAS Columbus, and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams.

the federal workforce by including people with a wide variety of characteristics.

"When we talk about inclusion, it's more about creating a culture of collaboration and working together," she said. "Isn't that

what we all want, to feel we have an equal shot at opportunities?"

During the luncheon ceremony, several fifth-grade students at Broadleigh Elementary School were recognized for essays they wrote for a contest related to

Women's History Month.

Winner Jordan Barrett read his essay on Sojourner Truth to the audience and received a trophy. First runner-up Ahmed Diop and second runner-up Koriawn Moody also received trophies.

Also during the luncheon, an interpretive dance was performed by Cassandra De La Rossa and Katina Jennings of Selah Productions and Whitehall Mayor John Wolfe presented a proclamation on Women's History Month.



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Army colonel traces 'period of struggle and perseverance' of African-Americans at Black History Month celebration

By Tony D'Elia

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Army Col. (P) Barrye Price told how the history of every ethnic group has had the same pattern. It begins with their arrival in a country followed by a period of "struggle and perseverance" and culminating in assimilation.

Price was the guest speaker at the 22nd annual Defense Federal Community African-American/Black History Month Program and Carter G. Woodson Awards presentation held Feb. 23 in the DLA Land and Maritime auditorium.

"The period of struggle and perseverance is a period of paying one's dues and the period of assimilation is being absorbed into the larger culture of the society," Price said.

Price traced the journey of African-Americans through American history and cited many of the black inventors who improved our lives. He said that it is important to celebrate the "legacy and contributions of African-Americans towards the building of our country."

Price is the commanding officer of the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox — a geographically



Regina Westbrook (center), an integrated acquisition/supply team chief in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Carter G. Woodson Award as the defense federal community nominee from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) and guest speaker Army Col. (P) Barrye Price.

dispersed command comprised of junior and senior ROTC detachments throughout the United States and within U.S. territories.

A 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Houston's College of Business Administration, Price earned a master's degree in history in 1994 from Texas A&M University and in 1997 he became the first African-American to obtain a doctorate in history from 132-year-old Texas A&M University. He

also earned a master's in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University, where he was a classmate of DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams.

This year's Carter G. Woodson awards went to Javar Godfrey, an administrator with the Focus Learning Academy, and Regina Westbrook, the integrated acquisition/supply team chief in Maritime Supplier Operations.

Godfrey, who was selected as



Javar Godfrey (center), an administrator with the Focus Learning Academy, receives the Carter G. Woodson Award for a member of the community-at-large from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) and guest speaker Army Col. (P) Barrye Price.

the Woodson winner from the central Ohio community-at-large, established three programs to assist youth. His Project Nurture provides baby supplies to teenage mothers, and his Project Prepare has provided more than 300 backpacks of school supplies to underprivileged youth. His Godfrey Athletics organization serves more than 150 children each week.

Godfrey graduated cum laude from Kentucky State Univer-

sity and was the first African-American male to receive a master's degree from the University of Louisville's Kent School for Social Work. He holds membership in the NAACP, Ohio State Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board, Community Employment Assistance Network, and the Ohio State African-American Male Initiative.

Westbrook was honored as the defense federal community nominee for outstanding contributions to the African-American community. She has served the federal government for 27 years while at the same time achieving success in the world of music. Named the 2010 Monterey Bay Artist of the Year and Blues Hall of Fame inductee, Westbrook also makes contributions to the community. Through the years, she has mentored a number of foster children. She also spends time visiting nursing homes.

Also participating in the program were singers Derek Brown of Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus and Lisa Griffin of DLA Land and Maritime, chaplain liaison Daniel Law and emcee Lisa Everette-Robinson of DLA Land and Maritime.

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