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Work at Operation Feed truck spurs associate to turn life around

By Dan Bender
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For many people, volunteering to work at the truck during the annual Operation Feed campaign on the DSCC installation is a way to give back to the community and help those less fortunate.

For one DLA Land and Maritime associate, his work on the truck last year was also the catalyst to changing his lifestyle and gaining a new lease on life.

Phil Patterson, an electronics engineer in Operations Support, said he noticed while working at the truck last year that he was often straining and out of breath due to his heavy girth. He weighed about 330 pounds at the time.

During this year's campaign, working at the truck was a much easier endeavor for Patterson, most notably because he has slimmed down to about 175 pounds during the past year.

"I could tell how out of shape I was last year, but I don't get tired at all this year," he said. "It's been really amazing.

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"The most amazing thing about it is that I may have lost all that weight, but I didn't have surgery or go on some special diet ... I just slowly worked away at it."

Phil Patterson
On losing more than 150 pounds during the past year.

Philip Patterson, a DLA Land and Maritime associate who volunteers regularly, sorts donated canned food items on the Operation Feed truck so they can be stacked and shipped to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.
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'We are brothers,' Marine tells Armed Forces Day audience

By Tony D'Elia
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DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Joe Wells (right), president of the Armed Forces Community Relations Council, presents Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Brian P. Tobin with the Golden Eagle, the Outstanding Serviceperson of the Year Award.

"We're in a long war and your contributions, whether you serve in uniform or serve as civilians, are still needed as long as the freedom bell continues to ring," Marine Corps Col. Edward J. Mays said to an audience of about 600 at the May 20 Military/Veterans Educational Foundation's 24th Armed Forces Day Luncheon.

Mays, the guest speaker, is assistant commander, Product Support, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va. He told that audience that many have served and many have sacrificed and endured hardships and time away from family.

"They all did it for democracy," he said. "They did it for freedom. And some gave all. The good news is that we're still standing and the world around us is changing."

The Armed Forces Day Luncheon annually honors service men and women currently serving, as well as those who have served in the military. During the event, members of the military are honored for outstanding service and MilVets presents scholarships to students for their future education.

Mays was the guest speaker. Before taking his present assignment, Mays was the Military Deputy/Director of Future Operations and Sustainment at Global Combat Service Support System-Marine Corps, where he created the Common Integrated Logistics Modules concept.

Mays earned a bachelor's degree in geophysics from the University of Florida in 1984. He graduated Naval Post Graduate School in 1997 with a master's degree in computer science.

"When I look out and see all of you in different uniforms, I see not just airmen, and sailors and soldiers, but I truly see brothers," said Mays. He ended with an excerpt of "Band of Brothers" from King Henry V, as the king rallies outnumbered British troops at

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Multicultural Unity Day stages to feature variety of entertainment acts

From the 2011 Multicultural Entertainment Committee

Multicultural Unity Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation. All activities will take place in the parking lot north of Building 20.

The day includes a variety of activities for all ages, including an opening Diversity Carnival Parade, a passport process to educational and multicultural exhibits in the Diversity SEP Welcome Tent, ethnic food sampling, live entertainment, giveaways and much more.

The Multicultural Unity Day Entertainment Committee has been working the last several months to provide the federal community with a variety of musical entertainment options during the event.

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

Stage I (Red Pavilion)

Fortune Trio
(11 a.m.)

Fortune has been a part of the Columbus music scene since 1984, providing great music for listening and dancing at hundreds of corporate events, wedding receptions and social gatherings of all types. The group plays a mix of musical styles, including danceable Sinatra-type swing, contemporary smooth jazz, popular funk and rhythm and blues, 80's dance, Motown and rock.

Vernon Hairston Trio
(12 p.m.)

The Vernon Hairston Trio, formed in August 2006, consists of Reggie Jackson on drums, Dwight Bailey on bass and Vernon Hairston on piano and vocals. The band will also feature vocalist Cynthia Hale and Jerry Powell II on drums. They have been playing around Columbus and Ohio

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DLA PHOTOS BY MICHAEL JONES

Columbus commander speaks at local Memorial Day celebration

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams was the featured speaker for the annual Memorial Day celebration in Bexley, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. During his speech, Williams honored three members of the armed forces with connections to Bexley who have died fighting against terrorism in recent years. He also thanked Bexley for its support of the nation's holiday to honor all Americans who have died in war. ABOVE LEFT, Williams (second from right) stands with (from left) American Legion Post 430 Commander Barry Wright, Lawrence J. Bott, a World War II veteran and member of Post 430, and Post 430 chaplain Robert Jones Sr. in front the city's war memorial following the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT, Williams talks with Bexley residents after the ceremony.

Personal Perspective

Maritime deployer tells about his service in Afghanistan

By Chad Shevlin
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DLA Land and Maritime associate Chad Shevlin stands in front of an MRAP during his deployment to Afghanistan as part of the DLA MRAP Surge Team.

Looking back on it now, it is hard to fathom that I was away from friends, family and everything I knew about life for six months. Being back into the swing of things has an eerie feeling as though I had never left.

Honestly, those feelings were drastically different while I was deployed to Afghanistan, to the DLA MRAP Surge Team. I remember that I would start off every day by opening the countdown clock to see, down to the second, how much time I had left. I feel it is those stark differences that will always remind me to gauge a situation based on the whole picture and not just a snap shot in time.

I had only been a federal employee for eight months before I went to be the direct face for the customer, but I was extremely excited and honored at what lay ahead. To be completely honest, I do not think a day passed that I didn't learn something new about the extensiveness or intricacies of DLA. What started off as rookie nerves quickly changed into a confidence about what I had to offer individuals who needed items immediately. I don't think there is any amount of on-the-job training that would have completely prepared me for what I was exposed to, but that journey of learning was what made this experience so remarkable.

Working for DLA, there are constant reminders of putting the warfighter first; but for those of us who have no prior military service, that concept, as straightforward as it sounds, is truly foreign. It is hard to believe, or understand, that something as basic as nine numbers on a computer screen corresponds to an item that can, and does, save soldiers' lives.

Similarly, I quickly found out that, even though I was the DLA face to the customer, my answers were only as good as the team of individuals working the issues back in the states. It truly became a beautiful symphony of synchronizing time differences, changing priorities and always putting the warfighter first.

Those of us who call DLA Land and Maritime home rarely are given the opportunity to work outside of class IX issues. Being new to DLA, I was truly naive about the immensity of our responsibilities. The other classes of supply are often mentioned in training courses or in DLA written material, but the actual scope of responsibility is remarkable. If anything, working outside of the standard class IX issues really gave me an appreciation for what and how DLA is operating to support our customers. The vastness of additional support programs to augment the traditional supply system is nothing short of impressive.

One thing that resonated clearly from military individuals and civilians during a deployment was how great the camaraderie becomes.

There will be times that someone gets on your nerves, but at the end of the day you know that person will be there for you to assist in any way possible. I feel as though I have made some friendships that will last far beyond this deployment. I have been given the opportunity to interact with people of all different skill levels and enjoyed learning along the way, but also being able to help those that were not as spun up on key issues. Professionally, this experience will be hard to top, and one that will completely change my outlook on life in the workplace and at home. There were numerous sacrifices and challenges along the way. Throughout it all, I feel honored to have persevered and am able to say I served my country and assisted in saving the lives of the brave individuals still fighting for our freedom.

Editor's note: *Shevlin returned in late January from the DLA MRAP Surge Team in Afghanistan. He works in the Army Foreign Military Sales CRM Cell (QMBC); and he also briefs CASREPs for QMBD.*

Obituaries

Gordon A. Ballard

Gordon A. Ballard, 81, of Columbus, died May 28. Mr. Ballard was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was retired from DSCC after 22 years of service.

Gladys Flint Jones

Gladys Flint Jones, 89, died May 17 in Oakland, Calif. Ms. Jones was retired from DCSC after 25 years of service.

Lorna Burns Marks

Lorna Burns Mark, 72, of Whitehall, died April 11. Ms. Marks retired from DSCC in 1998 after 30 years of service.

John Franklin Ragland

John Franklin Ragland, 80, died May 19. Mr. Ragland was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was retired from the Chillicothe VA Medical Center after 30 years of service.

Thank You

Our family wishes to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council, DLA Land and Maritime, FMDC, special co-workers/friends and DHRC Columbus for the beautiful flowers, the wonderful food, the many prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and warm thoughts shown toward us for the loss of our mother, Wanda G. Driver. Your kind gestures helped us to manage in our transition just knowing that there were many of you who cared. It means so much that your thoughts and prayers were with us. Thank you and God bless you.

Teri Driver
DHRC-C
Stacy (Driver) Spencer,
DLA Land and Maritime

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Briefs

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CINC award celebration set for June 15

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams will host a local ceremony to celebrate the installation's sixth Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, in the Building 20 auditorium.

All federal employees on the DSCC installation are welcome to attend. A short reception will follow the ceremony in the Building 20 cafeteria.

Williams accepted the CINC award trophy during a May 4 ceremony at the Pentagon. DLA Land and Maritime was one of five military installations from around the world honored at the ceremony for excelling at their mission despite the demands of war and recent natural disasters.

Job fair for vets at OSU June 23

A job fair for military veterans is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at Ohio Stadium.

The event will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the west parking lot of Ohio Stadium. Job placement professionals and representatives of several businesses will be inside the Huntington Club (between Gates 17 and 23) until 3 p.m.

Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center's mobile unit will also be present.

The event, sponsored by RecruitMilitary, is for veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserves, military spouses and other military family members. More than 30 employers, franchisors, and educational institutions are expected to reserve exhibitor booths at the expo.

More information is available at www.RecruitMilitary.com.

Health office seeking first responder flags

The Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office on the DSCC installation is looking for abandoned orange First Response Team flags. Due to employee moves, retirements and resignations team flags are sometimes left behind at empty work stations or placed in supply or storage areas.

Anyone who is aware of an orange team flag in their work area that no longer has an owner can take it to the Bldg. 20 Health Unit in Pod A1 41S or call Kara Mettille at 614-692-3964. Anyone interested in being part of the First Response Team should call the Health Unit in Bldg. 21 at 614-693-5104 to participate in the next CPR/AED training.

AAFES Exchange extends hours

As of June 1, the Army Air Force Exchange Service Exchange on the DSCC installation has extended its hours to 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and holidays.

AAFES welcomes all DoD military members, civilians, contractors and families. The Exchange offers dry cleaning service and food, drinks and convenience items to all customers. Class Six items, military rank patches and boots, and special order military items are available to military ID cardholders only.

More information is available at www.dsccmwr.com/ aafes or by calling Sara Bateman at 614-231-0976.

Cruise-in to benefit Chillcothe VA vets

The Paul S. Lawrence VFW Post 9857, 2330 Stelzer Road, Columbus, will host a cruise-in Saturday, June 18, at the post, with all proceeds to benefit veterans at the Chillicothe VA Hospital.

The event will be an open cruise with all makes and models of vehicles and motorcycles, and will be held rain or shine. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and trophies will be awarded at 4 p.m. Food, raffles, door prizes and music will also be part of the event.

For more information, call Barb Elefritz at 614-252-8294 or Ron Ward at 614-832-8733.

IRS seeking council applicants

The IRS is accepting applications through June 17 for the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC), which provides a public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant issues regarding federal tax administration.

The IRSAC is comprised of up to 35 members, who are appointed to three-year terms by the IRS commissioner. Applications are currently being accepted for roughly a dozen appointments that will begin in January 2012. The IRSAC submits an annual report to the IRS commissioner at a public meeting in the fall.

The application and other information are available on the Tax Professionals page at www.IRS.gov. Questions about the application process can be sent to the following e-mail address: "*public_liaison@irs.gov."

It's A Date

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 14 – DLA Land and Maritime Army birthday celebration, 10:30 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
JUNE 15 – CINC award celebration, 11:30 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
JUNE 16 – Multicultural Unity Day and Fun Fest, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Building 20 north parking lot
JUNE 19 – Fathers Day
JUNE 20 – DLA Land and Maritime Supervisors Call, 2 p.m., Building 20 auditorium
JUNE 24 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

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JULY 4 – Independence Day
JULY 8 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

J6C PHOTO BY J. SPENCER DENISON

Fredo selected J6C Employee of Month

Catherine Fredo (right) was recently recognized as the J6C Employee of the Month for May. J6C director Susan Van Meter presented the award. Fredo has 33 years of federal service at a variety of agencies. She started in 1978 as a student working for the Corps of Engineers in Battle Creek, Mich. In 1990, she relocated to DSCC. Fredo has worked for numerous agencies, including FEMA, DSAC-N, DLIS, Air Force, DISA, HROC and J6C.

Product Test Center associate recognized for 40 years

Patricia Sheragy, an associate in the DLA Product Test Center Mechanical West in French Camp, Calif., was recently recognized for reaching 40 years of federal service. DLA Product Test Center director Keith Robinette presented a certificate and pin to her in recognition of the milestone. During her career, Sheragy has worked in material handling, distribution and quality assurance. During the past 20 years, she has worked in quality and product compliance evaluation and analysis. Sheragy has performed numerous test lab related duties, including test technician, production control, metrics management, calibration coordination, QA Lead, and quality and technical manager. Robinette described Sheragy as "the consummate professional who excels in all job functions and always demonstrates a can-do attitude."

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Unity

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on a regular basis at various restaurants, private parties and ceremonies.

John Schwab Duo
(1 p.m.)

John Schwab has been making music for more than 20 years and is best known as lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for McGuffey Lane. Schwab now performs as a duo with Mike Nugen, with his John Schwab Band and with the newly revived McGuffey Lane. Schwab offers up a repertoire rich in original music seasoned with skillful covers and a library of 60s standbys.

YumbambÈ
(2 p.m.)

YumbambÈ is Latin jazz, bringing together the lush sound of jazz harmony with the vibrant rhythms of Afro-Cuban drumming. Lead by Eric "the FISH" Paton, this group has hosted regular weekly shows since 1995 featuring authentic salsa music and dance instruction. The arrangements are presented in a diverse collection of rhythms including merengue, calypso, bembÈ, chachach·, samba and bossa nova.

Stage II

Columbus Bratz
(11 a.m.)

Columbus Squad
(1:45 p.m.)

The Columbus (CO) Squad, for ages 9-13, and the Columbus (CO) Bratz, for ages 6-8, are under the direction of Latonyia Richardson. The CO Squad is joined by Chris Coulverson and the CO Bratz are joined by LaToya Stewart and Krista Nave. The goal of these teams are to get the experience in performing arts and gain a better understanding of teamwork while promoting positive interactions between young people.

The Saints Drumline
(11:15 a.m.)

The Saints Drumline under the direction of Marshall Cheatham engages youth from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds by teaching marching style percussions, as a discipline, to children ages 6 to 18. The youth have the opportunity to improve their individual musical skill and refine that skill as a group of musicians through extensive training.

Saints Drumline

John Schwab

The Djun'Kendafala Dance Company

Douglas Blue Feather
(11:25 a.m.)

Douglas Blue Feather, of Cherokee heritage, is an internationally known songwriter and performer of both traditional and contemporary music featuring the Native American flute. He has released 12 CDs and has been featured on the Grammy nominated CD, Faces Of The Sun, by Peter Kater. He has performed at the Native American Awards, on NBC TV, Fox TV, and at numerous nationally advertised powwows, festivals and churches throughout the United States.

The Yellow Rose Cloggers
(11:50 a.m.)

This clogging team was formed in Houston in 1986 and is still going strong as one of the most highly regarded performance groups in the city. Yellow Rose, under the instruction of Adam King, has clogged for a wide variety of audiences, including tens of thousands at the American Festival in Japan, in front of the leaders of the seven industrialized nations at the Economic Summit, at the 2004 Super Bowl and for two presidents (George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton).

The Djun Kendafala Dance Company
(12:15 p.m.)

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

Bagpipers
(12:45 p.m.)

DLA associates will enjoy the music of the bagpipes.

Jammin' Jumpers Rope Team
(12:55 p.m. and 1:50 p.m.)

The Jammin' Jumpers philosophy is that any person can become an active member of a team, enhancing their ability to use teamwork and cooperation with dedication and determination. The Jammin' Jumpers mission is to jump rope for fun while engaging in performances, competitions, camps and workshops. The group wants to jump rope as a team to enhance each member's ability to use teamwork, cooperation and dedication.

PHOTO BY DEB BONNELL

Douglas Blue Feather

The Columbus Bratz

Dance Ministry
(1:05 p.m.)

Visitors can come and exercise their bodies with the Dance Ministry. This dance team is under the direction of Lawrence Lemon and Cassandra De La Rosa.

Fears Unfounded
(1:15 p.m.)

Fears Unfounded is an alternative rock band from central Ohio. The three members, Anthony Graham, Kevin Collins and Keith Morris, have grown up together jamming in laundry rooms and garages, and now play at live venues. The band's music can be found online, along with videos of their live shows at the Newport and The Basement.

Columbus State Gospel Vocal Ensemble
(2 p.m.)

This group, under the direction of Emma L. Easton, is dedicated to performing a high-energy musical presentation from modern gospel and African-American vocal/choral traditions. They have appeared in numerous venues, including the Ohio Statehouse, the Civil Rights Commission, King Arts Complex, the Ohio Historical Society and the prestigious Lincoln Theatre. The group has been featured on the cover of Christian Family Magazine and has appeared on Good Morning Columbus.

Stage III

"Plena" Dance
(11:30 a.m.)

The Hispanic Employment Program is organizing a "Plena" dance for the enjoyment of all federal employees and their families. The "Plena" is an important genre of folk music in Puerto Rico and typically associated with coastal regions of the island.

MCD Idol
(12:05 p.m.)

The Multi Cultural Day (MCD) Idol will make its debut June 16 on Stage III. DSCC installation associates and special guests will be showcasing their talent. DFAS Columbus employee Saundra Hill will be the emcee with assistance from LaShawn Charles. The following associates will be performing: Velvet Liles, Edwin Robinson, Towana Chapple, Jason Dutton, Matthew Cowden, Cleveland Guess, Kyle Barr and Lisa Griffin. The judges will be Carl Dello-Stritto as Steven Tyler, Nikkia Laster as Jennifer Lopez and Robert Jones as Randy Jackson.

Dancing with Dre and Co.
(12:45 p.m.)

A special guest appearance will be made by a well known Chicago Steppers group called Dre and Company. Founder Andre Blackwell has become one of the best steppers and one of the premier dance instructors in Chicago. Dre provides instructions at all levels, from beginners to advanced, and teaches classes in Columbus on a monthly basis.

Bill McLoughlin
(1:30 p.m.)

Also making an appearance will be DLA Land and Maritime associate Bill McLoughlin, who will be dancing with the Fred Astaire dance studio. He will help the audience learn the basic movements to some classical dances.

All federal employees on the DSCC installation and their family members are invited to attend Multicultural Unity Day. For more information, call Frances R. QuinoÒes at 614-692-7908.

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Williams holds June 1 town hall session with work force

By John Foreman
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams presented awards and discussed important initiatives and events during a June 1 town hall meeting in the Building 20 auditorium.

The general began the meeting by welcoming all of those in attendance and watching the proceedings via streaming video.

DLA PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRIS

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams speaks to a full auditorium and all detachments via streaming video during a town hall session. To review the town hall meeting on streaming video go to the DLA Land and Maritime intranet page.

"I hope the topics we discuss today will be of interest to you" he said. "They are topics of current interest along with a continuation of some of the topics discussed during our last town hall in January.

"To start, I want to say thank you for the phenomenal job that you do. I got here in September and every day is a learning day for General Williams. Every day I am constantly amazed at the diversity of this audience to include our detachments and not just the diversity of what we do but how well we do it."

The general then recognized Robin Estrada with the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award for her support activities during her recent deployment to Iraq.

Following the award presentation, Williams detailed his trip to the CENTCOM theater of operations.

"I recently had a great opportunity to go to Iraq and Afghanistan," Williams said. "What I was able to bring back from that trip was a collage of statements from some of your colleagues that are downrange providing support to the warfighter.

"The first thing they said was that this is really a team effort and that they couldn't get done what they do for the warfighter without the excellent support that you all provide," Williams said. "A couple of them pulled me aside and said, 'Sir, in all honesty, I'm not saying this because I'm from Land and Maritime, but we work with all of the people across the agency and they say without exception the folks in Land and Maritime give us the best response.'

Williams then announced the recent awarding of the Commander-In-Chief's award for Installation Excellence to the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation and DLA Land and Maritime.

"We are one on five installations recognized by the Department of Defense. I was honored to receive this award on your behalf about a month ago in the Pentagon auditorium with Mr. McClaugherty and Vice Adm. Thompson ... " Williams said.

The general then told of the preparations for this year's Multi-Cultural Unity Day on June 16 and all the preparations are being made for a great time this year.

"I want to invite all of you to come out with your families and enjoy this event," said the general.

"Also coming soon is what we've always called 'The Suppliers Conference.' This year it's been renamed by Admiral Thompson as the Industry Conference because it is a more accurate description of what we're doing. It's not just suppliers but the entire industry that we're working with," Williams said.

"It will occur the 27-30 of June in the Columbus Convention Center. Although it's being hosted by the agency headquarters, in order to make it successful it's going to require support from Land and Maritime. We're going to be counting on you to visit with the suppliers and visit exhibit halls. It will have some great speakers and will be opened by Mayor Coleman," he added.

Williams then announced the departure of Air Force Col. Daniel Hicks as DLA Land and Maritime chief of staff and introduced new Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett before moving to a discussion on his top five initiatives for both sustainment and focus. He cited Hicks for the great job he did during his four-year tenure in Columbus.

The general's top five discussion delved into a recent assessment of each top five category and how it was rated as green, amber or red, with trends either upward or downward with the emphasis being on awareness and continued improvement in each area.

During the review of the strategic calendar, the general pointed out the Aug. 3 PLFA Review of DLA Land and Maritime by Thompson and plans for once again having a DSCC installation and DLA Land and Maritime Holiday Ball on Friday, Dec. 2.

The general also emphasized the need to support Operation Feed and that the current campaign has been extended until June 10 before moving into a discussion on telework.

The telework discussion was long awaited and of intense interest. It was saved until last for the town hall. The general pointed out that he promised a top to bottom review of telework during the last town hall and that he recently completed that review.

He asked during the previous town hall that questions about telework be submitted to Derek Saunders and his team at DLA Human Resource Services Columbus. Those questions were compiled and compressed to 24 with each one researched and answered to develop an implementation plan.

"This research has helped to develop a policy plan you will see in a policy letter release in the not-too-distant future," Williams said.

He then proceeded to discuss the guidelines and the agreement made by DLA headquarters with the unions. He told the audience that this was not an attempt to rewrite or violate the agreement, but an attempt to provide a standardized implementation plan so that all supervisors in Land and Maritime are looking at this in the same way.

"My intent is, and I am specifically foot stomping the word intent, that everyone, even if you are eligible for telework, is here at least two days a week," Williams said. "In terms of my intent, telework must be accomplished in a way that is as seamless and effective as when you're performing that duty at your on-site duty location. I don't think anyone can argue with that. We must be just that effective and provide prompt customer service. It must be transparent where you are working from."

The key aspects of the new policy are that supervisors can approve two days of telework per week to those who are eligible, directors would review and coordinate on the ability to telework three days a week for those eligible, and any telework request for more than three days a week would be reviewed and coordinated at the command level. Detachments will implement the policy consistent with their mission requirements and host activities.

The general closed the meeting with a question and answer period that answered numerous questions about telework.

DFAS Columbus employee Robert Ragland had people dancing in the aisle as he performed the classic "Jailhouse Rock," accompanied by Mislin Fernandez-Perez, who danced on stage, and Ed Robinson, who played the saxophone.

DLA Land and Maritime associate Teauna Surratt used some props during her monologue performance of "Don't Wait Too Late."

DLA Land and Maritime associate Wade Kiger drew loud applause for his performance of the Guns & Roses song "Patience," replete with whistling.

Talent showcase

Installation associates strut their stuff at Talent Showcase

Associates from the across the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation took advantage of an opportunity to perform for their fellow associates during the Culture Council Talent Showcase held May 26 in the Building 20 auditorium.

A total of 12 acts performed in the event, which featured singers, musicians, lip synching and a mime. The crowd expressed their appreciation by cheering and clapping for each act.

The goal of the showcase was to present a variety of acts and entertainment to showcase the diverse talent and culture that exists on the DSCC installation.

The project manager was Sharon Fritz, a Land Customer Operations associate. DLA Land and Maritime associates John Chenault and Edward Robinson were the masters of ceremony.

Showcase participants included Velvet Liles, Wade Kiger, Kyle Barr, Mislin Perez-Fernandez, Robert Ragland, Tammie Farmer, Cornell Thompson, Shawn Meads, Angela McCoy, Ernestine Green, Teauna Surratt and the Women of Praise.

Members of the Women of Praise, accompanied by Ed Robinson on saxophone, sang "Change." The group's members are (from left) Debra Hobbs, Sonya Hayes, Linda Davenport, Angela Turley, Towana Chappel, Linda Thomas and Lisa Griffin.

DCMA associate Cornell Thompson treated the audience to the cool jazz saxophone sounds of "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys.

DLA Land and Maritime associate Ernestine Green did the first mime performance in a Talent Showcase sponsored by the Culture Council. She performed "Incredible God, Incredible Praise."

DLA Land and Maritime associate Mislin Perez-Fernandez lip-synched and danced to the song "That's Not My Name" by English singer Katie White.

DLA Land and Maritime associate Angela McCoy (left), accompanied by DLA Land and Maritime associate Shawn Meads on guitar and DFAS Columbus employee Robert Ragland on piano, sang "Your Great Name." Meads also opened the showcase with a stirring medley of "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

Tammie Farmer, a DFAS Columbus employee, sang Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" during the talent showcase.

New events and activities added to MWR Fun Fest lineup

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Inflatable games and midways rides are big attractions for children at the annual Fun Fest, scheduled for June 16 on the DSCC installation.

Rides and 'Minute To Win It' competition highlight newest features

From the DSCC Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office

A "Minute to Win It" competition pitting teams of federal employees against each other and the clock is the newest addition to this year's Fun Fest, scheduled for June 16 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

The Fun Fest, sponsored by the DSCC Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office will feature:

• Minute to Win It Competition — Experience the excitement, the drama and pure fun of this new competition, featuring a series of 60-second challenges. Come out and cheer on your organization's team and be there to witness the crowning of the first DSCC Minute To Win It champions.

Group 1 competitions will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., while Group 2 competitions will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

• New Rides — Visitors can be kids again, if only for a day. Try out the new pit car races, featuring drag racing pedal cars, or take a ride on the new Ferris wheel, just like old times. Returning this year are the Wii Game Tent, Kidz Zone Midway Games, Zero Gravity, Bungee Jump, Laser Tag, Sports Games, Bouncers, Creativity Zone (for children 5 and under) and games from the Columbus Crew.

• Win a Mountain Bike — at the new MWR Tent. Guess how many plastic bottle caps we're recycling and enter to win a new bike; it gets 0 MPG. While there, visitors can also pick up free "green" giveaways and information about upcoming MWR events.

Returning this year: The dunk tank (featuring some of the most recognizable faces on the installation, including DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams), 20 food vendors, including new local favorites, two merchant tents featuring crafts, jewelry, apparel, accessories, health & fitness, cosmetics and more, and the Learning & Growth Tent with 40 nonprofit, health, education and safety exhibits.

Visitors can also enjoy Multicultural Unity Day festivities including the Diversity Procession starting at 10:45 a.m., the Special Emphasis Program Tent and live entertainment on three stages.

The MWR website at www.dsccmwr.com/funfest has an event map and information such as a schedule of events and entertainment, information on absorbed time and visitor registration, and even a special surprise.

DSCC police officers take part in ceremony honoring fallen officers

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An honor guard of DLA Installation Support at Columbus police officers participated in a ceremony May 15 at the Building 20 flagpole on the DSCC installation to honor fellow officers who have fallen in the line of duty. The officers lowered the flag to half-staff in honor of National Peace Officers Memorial Day. The event was part of National Police Week, which this year was observed May 15-21. Officers who participated were (above from left) Christopher Catalogna, Brian Giles, Capt. Willie Miller, Timothy Cantu, Thomas Spyker and Sgt. Glenn (Sonny) Little. ABOVE RIGHT: Officers lower the flag to half-staff as part of the ceremony. National Police week honors all police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and serves to recognize the sacrifices of all police officers for their services to the various communities in keeping residents safe. National Police Week has been set aside every year since Congress passed a joint resolution in 1962 to recognize U.S. law enforcement members' service and sacrifices.

Columbus associates deploying to assist with IMSP initiative

By Deanna Blesch
DLA Land and Maritime BRAC Office

A total of 37 DLA Land and Maritime associates have volunteered to deploy to DLA Maritime detachments in Norfolk and Puget Sound to provide augmentation support for the standup of the Inventory Management and Stock Positioning Spiral 2 system (IMSP Spiral 2).

DLA's first shipyard detachment to deploy with IMSP will be at DLA Maritime Norfolk. It supports Norfolk Naval Shipyard, one of the largest shipyards in the world specializing in repairing, overhauling and modernizing ships and submarines. It's the oldest and largest industrial facility that belongs to the U.S. Navy, and it's also the most multifaceted.

The first wave of associates left Columbus May 1 for Norfolk. This cadre consisted of three acquisition specialists assisting with the procurement workload before their rollout. This team was soon followed up by six equipment/product specialists who left Columbus May 7 to assist with the creation of Material Master Records based on local purchase information.

The Columbus BRAC Office has received many positive comments from both the DLA Maritime Norfolk leadership and the associates themselves about the experience, describing it as a great opportunity to learn more about IMSP and contributing to the success of its deployment. Both said the willingness of associates to help the detachments and their can-do attitudes will have a positive impact on the go-live experience of partners in the field.

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DLA Land and Maritime associates who have volunteered to deploy to DLA Maritime detachments in Norfolk and Puget Sound to support the standup of the IMSP Spiral 2 system include (left to right) Dave Edwards, Joe Long, Michelle Martel, Jeff Schmidt, Amanda Coughenour, Kyle Johnsen, Dominique Hazell-Stallworth, Tony Beasley, Martin Hernandez-Lopez, Josh Bourne and Deanna Blesch. Not pictured is Robert Wray.

Additional supply chain experts will be traveling to Norfolk and Puget Sound during the next couple months to assist with both pre-go live activities and post-go live support.

The augmentation program is scheduled to end Nov. 16, when the last Columbus employee leaves Puget Sound.

Feed

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weight, but I didn't have surgery or go on some special diet or go to the store and get some diet pills," he said. "I just slowly worked away at it.

"It was a pretty slow process," he said, adding that he had not made any effort to diet previously. "I changed little things in my life Ö I used to eat a lot of chili and cheese coney dogs, but now I try to eat turkey dogs and I eat a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables."

Patterson, who said he had been pretty heavy since high school, also started working out at the DSCC Fitness Center last summer. He only made it 10 minutes on the elliptical machine during his first workout, but he kept upping the time and number of workouts each week until he was working out for about an hour each time six days a week.

"I continuously pushed myself to improve," he said. "I truly feel like God has blessed me in my efforts."

Patterson, 29, said he really decided to make a lifestyle change after he visited his doctor in early June last year and noticed that he had lost about 25 pounds, which he attributed to the nearly dozen times he worked at the Operation Feed truck organizing the canned food items and wrapping pallets of food with plastic.

Jodi App, an administrative assistant in the DLA Land and Maritime Internal Review Office, unloads canned food items from a vehicle beside the Operation Feed campaign truck on the DSCC installation. The installation campaign ends June 10.

"I decided to start going to the Fitness Center and taking it seriously," he said. By Labor Day, he had already lost 117 pounds.

"I continued to lose weight gradually through the winter, but there are times when you plateau and you don't lose any more weight for awhile, but eventually it would start dropping again," he said.

Patterson, who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime for about two years, also takes time to speak to a weight loss support group facilitated by Employee Assistance Program manager Drew Henderson in an effort to encourage others that they, too, can have success in losing weight.

Henderson said Patterson has been an "uplifting and encouraging" member of the group.

"He has had great results on his weight loss journey and is eager to share his results with others," he said.

Volunteer Philip Patterson (right), an electronics engineer in Operations Support, chats with DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty May 25 in the Operation Feed truck. Patterson, a frequent volunteer at the truck, lost about 160 pounds of weight since realizing during last year's Operation Feed campaign how out of shape he was. He lost the weight by changing his diet and beginning to work out at the DSCC Fitness Center regularly.

Patterson said he has a heart for the Operation Feed campaign because of his mother's work at a local food pantry and the lessons he learned from his grandmother, who was fond of saying, "We may not have all the fancy things others have but nobody will ever go hungry in our house."

"I felt a need to serve others," he said, adding that he works with fellow young adults in his church in helping others. "I thank God for blessing me with the ability to have a stocked pantry and fridge and I will always share the provision He provides me with others."

He also pointed out that volunteering is a good way to keep the weight off.

"Once you make a determination to lose some weight, you need to stay active and volunteering is a great way to do that," he said.

This year's Operation Feed campaign on the DSCC installation ends June 10. Associates can drop off canned food items to the Operation Feed truck located in the Building 20 north parking lot next to the Weapons Park pavilion.

For more information, call installation coordinator Vern Shaw at 614-692-8886.

Armed

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the Battle of Agincourt on Saint Crispin's day in 1451 during the Hundred Years' War.

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition;
And gentlemen in England now-a-bed
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.

"For me that means that we as Americans, we as armed forces, and those who support us are truly one," Mays said.

During the awards portion of the luncheon, Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Brian P. Tobin was named the Outstanding Serviceperson of the year and recipient of the Golden Eagle Award.

The other nominees were Senior Master Sgt. Robert N. Liles, Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Walker, Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Nies, Technical Sgt. Judith Braden, Staff Sergeant Nathan S. Lembke and Master Sgt. Deborah Rude from the U.S. Air Force, Master Sgt. Daniel Crock and Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Gibbs from the Ohio Air National Guard, Navy Reserve Intelligence Specialist 1st Class (E6) Erich Kuehnle, U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Neftaly A. Longoria and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Scott-Daniel N. Swingle.

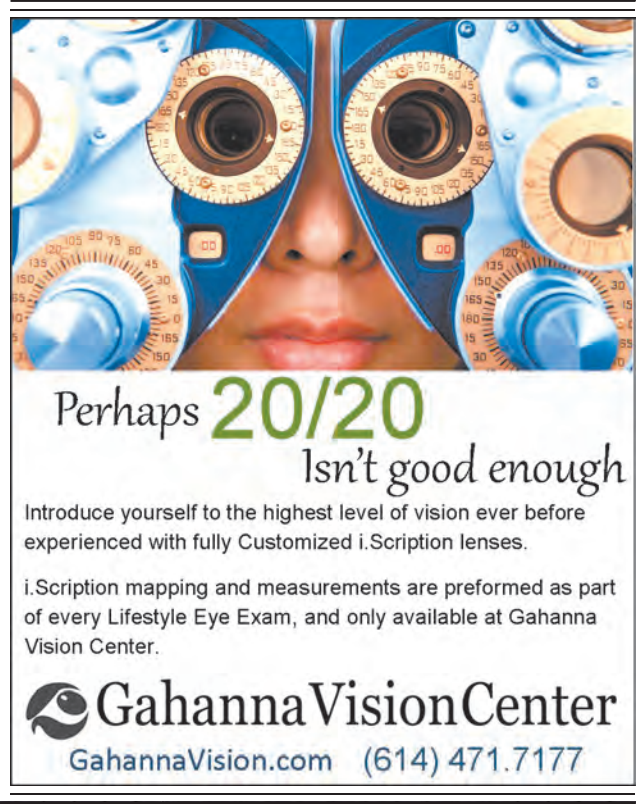
Active duty military members from DLA Land and Maritime were in attendance at the luncheon. Seated at this table were (from left) Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Dunphy, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jamie Murphy, Army Maj. Eric Rodino, Army Col. Ryan Kivett, Navy Cmdr. Jay Tucker, Navy Cmdr. Jonathan Holsinger and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Alex Wallace.

LEFT: Matt Hyland, an employee of SAIC who works for J6C, performed with the Greater Columbus Concert Band at the Armed Forces Day luncheon. He has been playing with the band for about a year.

The Jake Brewer Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Merle Pratt, and the Trustee Award went to Tom Foley. The Heritage Award went to Bill and Bobbi Richards for their service to veterans in the Honor Flight.

The Junior ROTC Educational Scholarships went to Daniel L. Myers, Andrew E. Brewer and Nicholas Pickering.

Providing the music was the Greater Columbus Concert Band and Udo Maroshser. Posting the colors were members of the Lima Co. 3/25, Marine Corps Reserve, and giving the welcome was Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.



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Yurocko selected DES Associate of the Month for March

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

When a high voltage feeder for an installation building was suddenly split in two by a recent lightning strike, it took the work of a skilled high voltage electrician to get things up and running.

It was Jason Yurocko coming to the rescue. Yurocko, a DLA Installation Support at Columbus associate for a little more than a year, put together a repair plan that consisted of state-of-the-art splices and a repair technique that greatly reduced down time. The improved splices reduced installation down time by several hours, and his use of advanced materials ensured a stable repair that should last the lifetime of the wire.

For his efforts, Yurocko, a Hilliard, Ohio, native, was selected his organization's Associate of the Month for March.

According to his supervisor, Armando Fox, Yurocko came to DSCC in 2009 with a background in high voltage systems.

"He's done a great job sharing his knowledge with the rest of his team," Fox said. "He's put together a data tracking program to ensure that our critical safety equipment receives required cyclic inspections, and his direct input has greatly improved our electrical safety program as a whole."

In addition, Yurocko works in conjunction with other trades and outside contractors. He has supported two large construction projects—one to renovate a studio for the DLA Training Center, and another to construct additional office space for DLA Disposition Services. He has also worked in direct support for a contractor during an ongoing project to replace building gutters throughout the center. Yurocko was instrumental in ensuring safe access to the gutters by de-energizing high/low voltage services at the work area through coordination with the DS-FCIE inspectors.

"I consistently receive praise from our customers on Yurocko's performance and work ethic," Fox added. "He has received a letter of appreciation from the Mechanical Product Test Center for his rapid response to an equipment failure ..."

Although the equipment was not on a high voltage system, Yurocko was able to use his electrical expertise to correct the problem within one hour of being reported to the Work Order Desk.

"His 'can-do' attitude and commitment to the overall mission has brought a positive light to the electrical section and DLA Installation Support at Columbus as a whole," Fox said.

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Electrician Jason Yurocko (right) receives his DLA Installation Support at Columbus Associate of the Month award for March from site director Kenny Youn.

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4 DLA Land and Maritime personnel part of Afghanistan team

Members of the DLA Support Team-Afghanistan (DST-A), located in Afghanistan, take a break to pose for a photo. Team members are (from left) Navy Reserve Chief Robert Powers, warfighter support representative, Navy Lt. Lupel Chou, warfighter support representative, Mark Paxton, warfighter support representative, liaison officer Mike Heidbreder, Energy, Richard Cook, civilian warfighter support representative, DLIS, Air Force Capt. Scott Thomas, Energy, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Steve Sherwood, DST CDR, Russ Dewart, universal customer account specialist, DLA Land and Maritime, Lisa Rutherford, universal customer account specialist, DLA Land and Maritime, Air Force Capt. Robert LoMonaco, DLA Land and Maritime, Duane Gross, MRAP weapon system support manager, SSM, DLA Land and Maritime, MRAP Surge Team Leader embedded within the DST, and Navy Reserve LS1 John Turcotte, Admin. Representing DLA Land and Maritime are Dewart, Rutherford, LoMonaco and Gross. The DST is forward deployed to serve under a regional commander to provide logistics support, to assist in the logistical planning process, and to ensure effective management of DLA items and services. Some of the team's functions are materiel management, customer service support, fuel support, and disposal and reutilization.

Intern center director selected Supervisor of the Month

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The branch chief of the Corporate Intern Center in the Human Performance Division was selected the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for January.

Jeannine E. Taylor, a supervisory career program specialist, oversees a staff of 16 instructors and team leads and is responsible for more than 200 interns who are part of the intern training program at any given time.

"That's a lot of people to keep up with," she said with a laugh.

Taylor is involved in hiring the interns and assigning them to various directorates to make sure they receive a well-rounded two-year training program in order to fully support the warfighter when they join the DLA workforce at the conclusion of their training.

Her supervisor, Bob Boggs, noted that under Taylor's leadership, "we have seen a 96 percent supervisor satisfaction rate of our corporate intern programs while maintaining a 98 percent overall graduation rate."

Taylor brings in two classes of interns each year and was lauded for initiating a cross-functional hiring board that ensures her customers have a say in the hiring process.

Taylor said one aspect of her job that she enjoys is the teamwork with other associates.

"We work so well together to support the training of the interns," she said. "Having a supportive supervisor makes the job easier, too."

Taylor, a Columbus native who has worked for DLA for 20 years, said she manages more than supervises her instructors and team leads.

"I recognize that all the members of my team are professional and competent, so I let them do their jobs and try to be as supportive as I can," she said.

Boggs lauded Taylor for her communication skills, particularly her involvement in designing a Corporate Intern Center scorecard and multiple "dashboards" to share critical information and metrics with her staff.

"By creating the scorecard and dashboards, Jeannine has ensured her staff is well informed on the status of programs they directly support," he said.

She also recently oversaw the development of an automated course feedback system that will allow all interns and students to provide immediate feedback at the end of each class or seminar.

Taylor has been a supervisor since August 2008 and prior to that was the acquisition team lead for two years. Her first experience in the Intern Center, however, was as a contracting instructor from 2001 to 2004.

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Jeannine Taylor (left), a supervisory career program specialist in the Human Performance Division, receives the Supervisor of the Month award memento for January from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Darrell Williams during a Supervisors Call.

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Esther Hayden (left), a contract specialist in Land Supplier Operations, receives the Associate of the Month award memento for March from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during a presentation at her work station. DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Esther Hayden named Associate of Month

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

Esther Hayden, a contract specialist for DLA Land and Maritime, was recently selected the Associate of the Month for March.

Hayden, a Newark, Ohio, native, and a graduate of River View High School in Warsaw, Ohio, currently serves in the Land Supplier Operations directorate. While part of another team within the directorate, she volunteered to take on the evaluation of two long-term contract projects. Since taking on those solicitations that have a total of 51 National Stock Numbered items worth a total of more than $1 million, she has surged ahead to complete the evaluations, write and obtain approval on the pre-negotiation briefing memorandums, and complete two rounds of negotiations.

Prior to coming to the long-term contract team, Hayden served in the long-term contract branch of the Strategic Programs Directorate, where she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of contracts with strategic partner BAE Industries, a manufacturer of a wide range of products.

Hayden, who has 29 years of federal service and an associate degree in applied business from Central Ohio Technical College, is often called upon to assist her teammates. She often provides samples of various acquisition documents, locates and interprets regulations, and reviews contract files. During fiscal 2010, Hayden showed her willingness to go the extra mile. She supported her understaffed oversight office by working overtime to review solicitations and pre-negotiation briefing memorandums.

Upon evaluation and the commencement of negotiations for multiple NSN projects, buyers often find themselves not only negotiating pricing and delivery, but also clarifying and obtaining corrections from the bidders on their proposals (i.e. missing pages of the request for proposals, failure to complete all clauses, etc.). The bidders often will not address all discrepancies identified by the buyer during negotiations. Many times the discrepancies are not significant enough to render the offer technically unacceptable, but are significant enough to delay the award until the companies respond.

Since there is no clear policy on how to address these situations, Hayden worked with a procurement analyst to develop language that can be included in a final proposal revision amendment that advises contractors that if they do not address all deficiencies, their offer will be rendered technically unacceptable and will no longer be considered for evaluation and award. This language was shared with the team as a lesson learned.

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