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Industry conference



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This Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle was one of more than 100 exhibits that were on display during last year's DLA Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition in Columbus.

Annual DLA event to be in Columbus

From the DLA Strategic Communications Office

The Defense Logistics Agency will hold its annual Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition June 27-30 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The event will feature speakers from the Department of Defense, military services and DLA, informative breakout sessions and exhibits from DLA headquarters, field activities and major suppliers. Breakout session topics include presentations on forecasting, doing business with DLA and support to small businesses, along with sessions sponsored by each of DLA's supply chains.

Speakers this year include the Honorable Dr. Ashton B. Carter, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement,

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Commander in Chief ceremony

Williams, area leaders celebrate CINC Award



DLA PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRIS

DLA Land and Maritime and Defense Supply Center Columbus Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (right) formally presents the 2011 Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence to all DLA Land and Maritime and DSCC associates, while DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn (center) displays the "E-flag" and DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty (left) displays the presidential citation during a June 15 ceremony in the Building 20 Auditorium.

By John Foreman

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

DLA Land and Maritime and Defense Supply Center Columbus Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams formally presented the 2011 Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence to all DLA Land and Maritime and DSCC associates during a June 15 ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium.

Associates representing the 26 different tenants on the installation were invited to

attend the ceremony, which also included those watching via streaming video at the detachments.

Williams opened the ceremony by thanking distinguished visitors from the local community, including Whitehall Mayor John Wolfe, Jay Strickler, representing U.S. Rep. Steve Austria, and Rick Isbell, representing Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.

Williams said that it was poetic justice that the DSCC installation received the award at the Pentagon on May 4, the installation's 93rd birthday.

"Whether it is supporting military units, working with suppliers to get the best material at the best price, or training individuals to support operational missions in theater, we are making it happen at all DSCC-based organizations and at DLA Land and Maritime and we appreciate the accolades of this significant award, which validates our commitment to excellence," Williams said.

The general noted that the award couldn't have been won without the support of all the installation tenant commands,

which include the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus, Defense Information Systems Agency and the Ohio National Guard. He recognized Kenny Youn and Bob Genton of DLA Installation Support at Columbus, Debbie Osborne, director of the DLA Training Center, and Tom Barger, director of DLA Human Resource Services Columbus, as influential in supporting the nomination package.

Williams then accepted a

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Fitness class prepares Army personnel for new training test

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Army personnel who want to get a jump on preparing for the revised Army Physical Readiness Test can do so through a new class at the Fitness Center. Pilot testing on the new test is currently under way through this summer.

The Defense Supply Center Columbus Fitness Center began morning classes designed to demonstrate the new requirements and to prepare the individuals who will be tested with them. The 45-minute classes will start bright and early at 6:30 a.m. every Monday and Friday.

Although they are directed toward Army active duty and Reserves, the classes are designed for anyone concerned with overall anaerobic and aerobic endurance.



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Recreation specialist Rachel Massey puts Army personnel through their paces at a June 3 Army Transitional PT class. They are trying to get a jump on preparing for the revised Army Physical Readiness Test. Pilot testing on the new test is currently under way through this summer.

The new APRT consists of five activities—a 60-yard shuttle run, push-ups, standing long jump, a 1.5-mile run and a one-minute rower exercise. This set of exercises is designed to prepare soldiers

for physical challenges of full spectrum operations.

Since 1980, the U.S. Army has assessed physical aptitude through the Army Physical Fitness Test, which only

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Local Army Reserve soldier given Bronze Medal with Valor

By Army Master Sgt. Dave Johnson

412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Whitehall, Ohio

FORT KNOX, Ky. — An Army Reserve soldier based at the Defense Supply Construction Center installation in Whitehall, Ohio, received the Bronze Service Medal with Valor during a March 27 ceremony.

Army Staff Sgt. Chad Clark, a non-commissioned officer in the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, earned the medal for his heroic actions on June 27, 2010, in Afghanistan.

The 412th was at Fort Knox in March and used the battalion formation as a bigger stage to honor its decorated non-commissioned officer.

Clark and his fellow soldiers from Alpha Company, 412th, deployed to Afghani-



PHOTO BY ARMY SGT. ZACHARY CARPER

Army Maj. Josef Freer pins on the Bronze Service Medal with Valor on Army Staff Sgt. Chad Clark during a March 27 awards ceremony at Fort Knox, Ky.

stan from December 2009 to October 2010.

"Our civil affairs team started what was planned as a 24-hour mission into the Ghaki Valley," Clark said. "The operation lasted

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Point of View

Professionalism important factor in workplace

By Robert L. Boggs

DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division

“Professionalism is in the eye of the beholder - it is based on our values and understanding of our professional roles and is evidenced through people’s behavior.”

Professionalism is judged against a set of expectations or standards that come from our own personal values and understanding of what “professionalism” means. We judge based upon the situation and we are strongly influenced by culture. We judge and are judged as professionals based upon our image and how we define professionalism.

What is your image of a professional? How would you describe what it means to be a profession-



Robert L. Boggs

al? We all know that image matters; yet, image is much more than physical appearance. Personal appearance matters, but our image is more than personal appearance; it has to do with how we are perceived (the whole person) by others. We are perceived in ways such as how we communicate, our level of competence and demeanor.

Professionals have a positive image of self that instills self-confidence and confidence in others. Individuals and organizations are judged based on the image they project.

How effectively we communicate impacts our image. Professionals know how to effectively communicate. Dr. Stephen Covey pointed out in his book *The 7*

Habits of Highly Effective People that to communicate effectively we must seek first to understand, then to be understood. Great communication begins with effective listening. Once we have truly listened to someone, we must then express ourselves clearly by speaking in a way that others can easily understand.

Competence is also an important characteristic of a professional. We expect professionals to be great at what they do. There are, of course, other characteristics we expect to see in professionals. Professionals are expected to be trustworthy, empathetic, courteous, cooperative, respectful and more.

Showing others respect is the basis of all professional behavior. Showing others respect can be as simple as:

- Keeping confidential details

confidential,

- Keep personal opinions of people private,
- Be courteous and have good manners — sincerity also helps,
- Be punctual — individuals act professionally by showing up on time for appointments and meetings, and
- Be fair and gentle when giving feedback — be fair in all dealings.

Professionalism has to do with how we interact with others. Respect for our colleagues is essential for workplace professionalism. Individuals who listen and are responsive to the ideas and suggestion of their colleagues demonstrate respectful behavior. Small actions such as saying “please” and “thank you” help build collaborative workplace relationships.

We can also exhibit profession-

al behavior by doing what needs to be done. We can accept constructive criticism as an opportunity for personal growth. We can deal with sensitive issues privately and make allowances for other’s mistakes. Professionals are also humble and therefore know they are human and make mistakes. They know how and when to sincerely apologize for the mistakes they make.

There is a universally accepted principle that helps define what it means to be a true professional. We find this principle embedded in all cultures. It is expressed in different ways by different people but the concept is clearly defined. I know this universally accepted principle as “The Golden Rule.” Those who seek to be perceived as professional would be wise to follow that universally accepted concept. Do unto others.

Maritime Supplier Ops associates recognized for service

Robert Ferguson (left) and Cara James-McEwan, two associates in Maritime Supplier Operations, were recently recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams for reaching 40 and 30 years of federal service, respectively. Ferguson, a contract specialist, served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1974, then worked at Defense Electronics Supply Center in Kettering from March 1974 to June 1996 before coming to DLA Land and Maritime in June 1996 when DESC merged with Defense Supply Center Columbus. James-McEwan, a supervisory contract specialist, started her career



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in 1981 as a GS-2 clerk-typist in the Office of Planning and Management. By 1998, she had worked her way up to a GS-11 contract specialist and in 2001 became a procurement analyst (instructor) with the Career Develop-

ment Division, where she instructed interns in contracting. Since then, she has worked as a contract specialist in Land, a procurement analyst with BSM, and has been a first-line supervisor in Maritime since 2005.

Hellstrom named J6C Employee of the Month

Karl Hellstrom (left) was recently recognized as the J6C Employee of the Month for June. J6C director Susan Van Meter presented the award and certificate to him. Hellstrom, a Columbus native, started his federal career in 1980 as a computer programmer at the Navy Fleet Material Support Office in Mechanicsburg, Pa. In 1982, he transferred to Columbus as a computer specialist for the DLA Systems Automation Center, where he worked in support of the financial application of the



J6C PHOTO BY J. SPENCER DENISON

Standard Automated Material Management System (SAMMS) until the implementation of BSM in 2002. From 1996 to 1999, he also served as the technical lead for the SAMMS Y2K remediation effort, and during 2001 and 2002,

he worked on the BSM implementation effort. Hellstrom is currently the development lead for the Middleware Support Branch of J6C, supporting the middleware applications of EBS. He plans to retire in December.

Thank You

My family wishes to give a special “thank you” to DLA Land and Maritime, FMSE and special co-workers and friends for the heartfelt gestures, the beautiful flowers, the wonderful food and the many prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and warm thoughts shown toward us for the loss of my brother, Philip S Loney. Just knowing that there were so many of you who cared means so much in our time of transition. Thank you and God bless you.

Joann Loney

DLA Land and Maritime

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Obituaries

Walter Willis Dillon

Walter Willis Dillon, 92, died June 10. Mr. Dillon was a veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC.

Carroll “Pud” Pinson

Carroll “Pud” Pinson, 77, of Warfield, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio, died June 4. Mr. Pinson was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was retired from DCSC.

Betty Lou Rogers

Betty Lou Rogers, 68, of Heath, died June 2 at the Autumn Health-care. Ms. Rogers was a former Newark Air Force Base employee.

Cynthia Renee Russell

Cynthia Renee Russell, 53, died June 7 in Naples, Fla. Ms. Russell was an employee of DCSC.

Catherine W. Shute

Catherine W. Shute, 71, died June 6. Ms. Shute was retired from DFAS.

Philip E. Usrey Jr.

Philip E. Usrey Jr., 74, died June 6. Mr. Usrey was a former DESC employee and retired in 1991 from Wright-Patterson AFB after a 31-year career in Air Force logistics.

Briefs

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.dscmwr.com/aafes or by calling Sara Bateman at 614-231-0976.

Job fair for vets at Ohio St. University 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

It’s A Date

June 2011

JUNE 24 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
JUNE 27-30 – DLA Industry Conference and Exhibition, Columbus Convention Center

July 2010

JULY 4 – Independence Day
JULY 8 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
JULY 22 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

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 Mettelle at 614-692-3964. Any-

one 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.

Army Ranger set to receive Medal of Honor

An Army Ranger who lost his right hand and suffered shrapnel wounds after throwing an armed grenade away from his fellow soldiers will be the second living Medal of Honor recipient from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On July 12, President Obama will award Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Arthur Petry with the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry. Petry will receive the honor for his courageous actions during combat operations against an armed enemy in Paktya, Afghanistan, on May 26, 2008.

Petry, 31, now serves as part of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 75th Ranger Regiment, at Fort Benning, Ga.

At the time of his actions in Afghanistan, Petry was assigned to Company D, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Point of View

OSHA celebrates 40 years of keeping workers safe on the job

By Deborah Zubaty

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

In the 40 years since the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) was created, the agency has led the way to historic declines in workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Today OSHA continues to make a difference in the lives of all workers by ensuring that businesses provide safe and healthful conditions for their workers.

At the turn of the 20th century, death in American workplaces was all too common, working conditions were dreadful and few laws existed to protect workers. Through efforts by individual workers, unions, employers, government agencies and others,



Deborah Zubaty

significant progress has been made in improving workplace conditions. Since OSHA’s inception in 1970, workplace fatalities have been cut by more than 65 percent and occupational injury and illness rates have declined 67 percent. At the same time, U.S. employment has almost doubled and now totals more than 107 million workers at 7.6 million worksites.

In 1970, on average, 38 American workers were killed on the job every day. That rate has now fallen to just over 12 workers per day. That’s an outstanding collective achievement. But there is clearly much work to be done to ensure that all workers can be

productive and safe, while looking forward to a retirement free from disabling occupational disease and injury.

In the Columbus area, our inspectors have identified falls, trenching accidents and grain handling hazards as serious issues in many investigations. These are hazards for which there have long been common sense OSHA regulations in place. These protections are designed to keep workers safe and earning a paycheck, while also allowing businesses to continue to operate without the tragic interruptions and high worker retraining, insurance and compensation costs that accompany workplace tragedies.

In 2010, there were 42 fatalities throughout Ohio. These were preventable situations that don’t

need to be repeated, as long as employers and workers are committed to safety.

Recently in the Gallipolis area, our compliance officer was performing a worksite inspection of a trench when he directed an employee to exit the trench, believing collapse was imminent. Within five minutes the trench collapsed and could have buried the worker under 6 to 7 feet of soil. The employer was issued willful and serious trenching violations with a penalty of \$63,000.

This year, grain handling inspections have increased as a result of more than 25 workers being killed nationally in 2010. At a grain facility in West Jefferson, our inspectors found 22 health and safety violations with a penalty of \$171,000.

During the past four decades, America’s workers across all industries have benefitted from common sense government standards and greater awareness of workplace safety practices brought about by OSHA. Workers in high hazard industries such as construction and manufacturing have especially benefitted from OSHA’s efforts.

OSHA has had a positive impact in the lives of all Americans. However, until every worker can return home safely, free from harm at the end of the day, we must celebrate cautiously and never lose sight of the fact that no job is a good job unless it’s also a safe job.

Editor’s note: *The author is the OSHA Area Director for Columbus and southeast Ohio.*

Local business owner shares leadership philosophies during LDA symposium

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

Ethical conduct and taking care of your employees and customers will lead to success, a central Ohio business owner told attendees at the June 8 DLA Land and Maritime Leadership Development Association's Leadership Symposium.

Mike Rosati, founder and owner of Rosati Windows in Columbus, noted the similarities between his company and DLA Land and Maritime in terms of working with vendors to secure needed items to make sure customers get what they need and are satisfied. He said too many companies abuse their vendors and have the attitude that because the company pays them money, the vendor should do whatever the company wants.

"I've found that the more congenial you are with your vendors and the more you try to work out issues with them, when you really, really need them, they'll be willing to work with you," he said, adding that a company that doesn't have positive relationships with its vendors will soon be in trouble.

Rosati started his own vinyl window-manufacturing and installation business in 2000 after years in the real estate and home improvement industry. Within five years, it had \$12 million in sales and now has the largest market share in central Ohio. He started out with three employees and currently employs nearly 160 people, with 18 to 20 crews installing windows five days a week.

Rosati said his company built a good reputation not only with customers, but with its employ-

ees. He noted that he's only placed three "Help Wanted" ads in 11 years in business.

"People want to work for us," he said, adding that employers who make sure employees are treated fairly and well compensated will always have a workforce that is happy to come to work.

Seeking feedback from employees and handling disagreements behind closed doors are also important to good employee morale, he said.

"I can't think of anything worse than reducing someone to an ink spot in front of the people they work with every day," he said.

Rosati opened his talk by discussing the importance of character ethics in leadership. He mentioned some of the principles behind the Center for Character Ethics, an initiative spon-

sored by the Better Business Bureau, of which Rosati is a member.

His emphasis is working with high school principals and parents in order to "get ethics back into kids' everyday lives," he said. "That is one thing that seems to have crumbled."

After his talk, Rosati took time to answer numerous questions from audience members about his business, background and leadership philosophy.

In response to a question about what he thought was his biggest leadership mistake, Rosati replied that it was not learning how to delegate responsibilities earlier in his career.

Although he now has employees who oversee various departments, Rosati said he tries to make sure he's in contact with all of his employees.

In addition to Rosati, six

senior DLA leaders in Columbus also took about a half-hour each to share their leadership philosophies during the symposium.

They were, in order of appearance, Maritime Customer Operations deputy director Debbie Haven, Strategic Acquisition Programs director Steve Rodocker, DLA Human Resources Services, DLA Training director Debbie Osborne, Operations Support director Sam Merritt, Maritime Supplier Operations director Navy Capt. Roland Wadge and Land Customer Operations director Army Col. Jeff Vieira.

"We hope you learned some valuable insights about leadership from our speakers today and can apply those to your everyday work life," LDA president Donny Glosser said. "You are all leaders, wherever you work."

Medal

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days because of enemy attacks."

The team was assigned to Second Platoon as part of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

Ghaki Valley is in Kubar Province in northeast Afghanistan, about 100 miles east of Kabul. The valley goes straight to Pakistan.

According to Staff Sgt. Jonathan Pelosi, a civil affairs NCO in Alpha Company, the team accompanied an infantry platoon to clear out anti-Afghan Forces (AAF).

The AAF is comprised of enemy combatants, usually members of the Taliban.

"We expected a lot of resistance," Pelosi said. "The Ghaki Valley was full of insurgents."

"The Taliban and AAF had a stronghold there," Clark said. "The villagers had no choice under the Taliban. We knew we had to clear the threat before we could go into the village to meet



Army Sgt. 1st Class Sean Robey (right) attaches the new rank to Army Sgt. First Class Chad Clark in a promotion ceremony held May 1 in Building 2 on the DSCC installation.

PHOTO BY ARMY CAPT. GARRETT MCADAMS

with the elders to conduct our civil affairs mission."

"We started out about 1 a.m. on that day," Clark said. "It was pitch black, clear, 75 degrees Fahrenheit."

Daytime temperatures reach about 110 degrees in the summer months in that part of Afghanistan.

"Our gear was heavy," Clark said. "With all the protective gear, ammunition, water and equipment, we carry an extra 75 pounds."

According to 1st Lt. Doug Jones, 2nd Platoon leader, intelligence indicated about 150 Taliban fighters were moving equipment and weapons through the

valley.

According to Pelosi, soon after arriving in the valley, Clark identified potential ambush points. Clark had his team and interpreter dismount from his vehicle and move along Ghaki Road.

Clark's efforts to locate fighting positions prepared his team for what would happen soon.

While moving through the village of Sangam, 2nd Platoon came under heavy fire. Clark utilized his interpreter to aid in controlling the embedded Afghan National Army, and Afghan Border Patrol, who accompanied 2nd Platoon. After 2nd Platoon established a fighting position in a ditch, Clark identified an AAF

fighting position and oriented his ANA soldiers, who eliminated the threat with two RPG (rocket-propelled grenades) rounds, Jones stated in Clark's award citation.

At one point, a small contingent of 2nd Platoon soldiers had moved in to clear a building near a compound when a GBU (Guided Bomb) blast injured several soldiers.

Clark then led a group to aid the injured soldiers and assisted the team in carrying injured soldiers down four terraces to the medevac area.

Pelosi provided overwatch to ensure safe transport of the injured.

"I provided cover while he carried wounded soldiers down the terraces," Pelosi said. "Afghanistan is very mountainous. The only landing area a medevac helicopter could land was at the bottom of the terraces in an open valley."

Jones stated that after consolidating the remainder of 2nd Platoon, Clark noticed two additional soldiers were showing signs of their injuries from the blast and immediately assembled a team to move the soldiers to the land-

ing zone.

As soon as the helicopter lifted off, Clark's team was attacked by anti-Afghan forces, with small arms rounds pouring in on the team and an RPG round landing a few feet from Clark. He was not injured seriously, and was able to maneuver with the remainder of the team back to the compound.

The mission ended after three days.

Jones stated the mission was "a great success," with more than 100 anti-Afghan Forces killed and the enemy network defeated in the province. Since the threat was cleared, the civil affairs teams were able to meet with village elders to assess the community's primary needs and help repair the infrastructure.

"He stepped up to lead troops in battle," Pelosi said. "He did not hesitate. He took charge of infantry soldiers in 2nd Platoon and friendly forces in the ANA and led troops in battle. He led the efforts to get our wounded soldiers to the medevac area, too."

"Clark risked his life in the face of enemy fire. He performed above and beyond the call of duty to ensure mission success," Jones stated in the award citation.

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Kenton Smith (left), a supervisor in the MRAP Integrated Supplier Team in Land Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month memento for May from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during a May 31 Supervisors Call.

Acquisition team leader selected for monthly award

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The leader of a team that buys spare parts for one of the Department of Defense's highest-visibility weapon system platforms has been selected Supervisor of the Month for May at DLA Land and Maritime.

Kent Smith leads a group of 13 associates who procure items for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected family of vehicles, a weapon system that is one of the DoD's highest priorities and has been credited with saving numerous lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Smith, who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime for nearly 11 years, including the last four in Land Supplier Operations, said his team is one of four that are part of the overall MRAP Integrated Supplier Team. It buys "anything that goes on an MRAP," he added. "I love my job and I take great pride in providing support to the MRAP program," he said.

His supervisor, Sherry Wellmer, noted that the average number of awarded requisitions by Smith's team is 40 or more per buyer, with an average awarded lead time below 25 days.

"This is phenomenal considering that almost 10 percent of the workload consists of large dollar procure-

ments," Wellmer said. She also noted that Smith has demonstrated superb customer skills, both internally and externally, and strives to make sure warfighters' interests are always met. "Mr. Smith ensures we make best value decisions for our warfighters and continues to show true dedication to our customers," she stated.

Smith said his favorite aspect of his job is interacting with his team members. Regarding supervising others, he said he tries "to give people the freedom to do their jobs and not micromanage what they do." Wellmer also recognized him for "inspiring, motivating and assisting associates on a daily basis."

"He encourages personal growth within his associates and challenges them constantly," Wellmer said. "He is honest and respectful to associates and his peers, demonstrating flexibility and encouraging strong decision-making skills with his associates."

Smith has earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Urbana University and an MBA from Ohio Dominican University. Smith's wife, Julie, also works at DLA Land and Maritime in Maritime Supplier Operations.

In his spare time, Smith enjoys spending time with his family and golfing.



DLA PHOTO BY RACHEL KOCIN

DLA Land and Maritime bids farewell to chief of staff

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) presents a memento to Air Force Col. Dan Hicks during a May 31 farewell ceremony and luncheon in the Command Conference Room. Hicks has served as DLA Land and Maritime Director of Operations and Readiness and chief of staff since July 2007 and left June 6 for his next assignment as commander of the DLA Aviation detachment at Warner Robins AFB, Ga. During his time in Columbus, Hicks deployed to Iraq in 2009 for a six-month tour as commander of the DLA Support Team-Iraq. Army Col. Ryan Kivett, who has been director of Land Supplier Operations since September 2009, will be the new DLA Land and Maritime chief of staff. The chief of staff serves as principal advisor to the commander and deputy commander on daily operations and logistics readiness matters, and is also the primary advisor on DLA Land and Maritime Supply Chain Integration plans, policies, practices and procedures.



'What an Army! What a time! WHAT A CHALLENGE!'

Army Maj. Gen. Ashenhurst speaks proudly of U.S. Army's legacy during birthday celebration

By Tony D'Elia
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For Army Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's D-Day message comes to mind during Army birthday celebrations.

Ashenhurst, as DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams introduced her, is the first female Ohio National Guard Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters.

As the main speaker at DLA Land and Maritime's 236th Army birthday celebration, Ashenhurst, who is a member of



Army Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst

Ohio Gov. John Kasich's cabinet and who is responsible for the command of the Ohio National Guard and the military readiness of the Ohio Militia, quoted Eisenhower. On the eve of the invasion, Eisenhower wrote: "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyrann-

ny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world." "What an Army! What a time! What a challenge!" Ashenhurst said, reflecting on those fateful days of World War II. "These words changed the morale of the men and woman that day and helped make the D-Day invasion a success. It is an important document because it inspired greatness in all who read it."

She then spoke proudly of today's U.S. Army. "Our Army is ready for any mission, anytime, anywhere. Our Army is the finest on the face of the earth," she said during the ceremony, which carried

the theme "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation." "Even at 236 years, the U.S. Army is just getting better with age," added Ashenhurst. "It's become a more flexible and innovative and better prepared force to tackle these new challenges. Every day they are going on the offensive against violent extremists who killed more than 3,000 men, women and children on Sept. 11, 2001. "They've had to serve not just as soldiers, but as diplomats. They have served both as warfighters and peace keepers. With every new challenge, they demonstrate their ability to rise to any occasion.

"God bless the men and women who volunteer to serve our nation and may God continue to bless our great nation," said Ashenhurst, who later in the ceremony administered the Army oath of enlistment to eight new local inductees. At the ceremonial cake-cutting, Command Sgt. Maj. Verna Henderson of the 16th Engineer Brigade represented the oldest soldier present, while Pvt. Jeffrey Whatmough of the 148th Infantry Regiment represented the youngest. The June 14 ceremony also included the Army birthday video, and a slide show featuring local active duty and veter-



LEFT: Cutting the Army birthday cake are (from left) guest speaker Army Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, Pvt. Jeffrey Whatmough of the 148th Infantry Regiment, the youngest soldier present, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Command Sgt. Maj. Verna Henderson of the 16th Engineer Brigade, who represented the oldest soldier present. ABOVE TOP: Participants charge to the finish line in the Army Birthday 5-kilometer Run/Walk, which was held the morning of June 14 on the DSCC installation. ABOVE: Ohio Adjutant General Army Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst administers the Army oath of enlistment to eight new local inductees during the Army birthday celebration on the DSCC installation.

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DFAS employee recognized by National Guard

By Tom Casasanta
DFAS Columbus Corporate
Communications

COLUMBUS, Ohio – For a lead financial systems specialist instructor here, training military members on DFAS systems has its personal benefits.

Charlene Legg was recently recognized by the Army National Guard for the instructional support she provided to them from April 2009 through May 2011. The bronze minute-man statue given to her symbolizes the Guard's appreciation for the Commercial Accounts Payable System-Windows (CAPS-W) training course she taught. "I felt very honored and proud that they appreciated my training and support enough that they would give me such a prestigious award. I just trained another 15 in May, and have five more classes scheduled between August 2011 and August 2012. That will finally cover all of their soldiers," Legg said.

Her training has reached more than 230 National Guard students at 54 National Guard sites and territories. The students traveled to the National Guard classroom at DFAS Indianapolis to learn about CAPS-W in a live



DFAS PHOTO BY TOM CASASANTA

Charlene Legg, a lead financial systems specialist instructor at DFAS Columbus, showcases the award she was given by the Army National Guard.

instructor-led course taught by Legg, who said, "I love training the military because it makes me feel like I am giving back to them in a small way for what they do for our country."

This is not the first time Legg has been recognized by the military. She was recognized for teaching other members of the military and members of the 175th Financial Management Center Accounts Payable Army Base in Yongsan, Korea about CAPS-W.

"I know that without my training and support in the CAPS-W system, the soldiers who deploy and work in the financial areas could not provide the level of financial support required to keep the fighting troops up and running," she said.



DLA PHOTO BY MIKE ANDREWS

Puget Sound associates participate in Armed Forces Day parade

DLA Maritime-Puget Sound employees and family members proudly represented DLA's "Support to the Warfighter" with a unit in the Armed Forces Day Parade May 21 in Bremerton, Wash. Associates and family members who participated were Lida Howard (seated on forklift) and (standing from left) Robert Bellinger Jr., Robert Bellinger Sr., Sandy Bellinger, Kris Jurgens, Andrea Laggart, Eric Bell, Marti Martin, Dick Hendrickson, Kenneth Bruney, Steve Gibbs and Lynda Gibbs. Not pictured is Mike Andrews. The Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade is the nation's largest and longest-running Armed Forces Day parade. The parade began in 1948 - two years before Armed Forces Day became a federally recognized holiday. Nearly 20,000 spectators from all over the Puget Sound region attended this year, despite drizzling rain, to enjoy more than 150 marching units, including dozens of military entries and several marching bands.



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DSCC firefighter/EMTs provide free blood pressure checks

The DSCC fire department celebrated the 38th annual Emergency Medical Services Week by offering free blood pressure checks to associates in the Building 20 cafeteria May 17 and the Building 21 cafeteria May 19. Above, firefighter/EMT Pete Anthony checks the blood pressure of associate George Parks as firefighter Dennis Tino watches. The national EMS Week was held May 15-21 and featured events in local communities across the nation organized around the theme "Everyday Heroes." National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." EMS providers include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, firefighters and police, some paid, some volunteer. The 19th annual National EMS Memorial Service, scheduled for June 25 in Colorado Springs, Colo., honors responders who died while in the line of duty. This year, 43 honorees from 18 states will be added to the 538 honored in years past.

Land Supplier Operations associates learn team-building methods

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

More than 40 associates from the DLA Land Supplier Operations directorate recently participated in a pilot teambuilding course. "Actually, it was a very good opportunity for us to learn from each other and see each other's strengths and weaknesses. Overall it brought us together," said James Sledge, a customer account specialist. The class focused on how to better communicate, motivate and better understand one's teammates. Each participant took the Strength Deployment and Inventory Test (SDI), which attempted to show the account specialists what kind of individuals they were in comparison to their teammates. It's hoped that the team now has a better understanding and grasp of why people act the way they do. The course taught the associates ways to interact and deal with different types of individuals.



Customer account specialists from the Army Operating Forces Division in Land Customer Operations participate in a drill that was part of a pilot teambuilding course presented May 23. Pictured are (from left) Robin Rogers, John Shirley, Shirley Mays, James Lange, Rick Higgins and Missy Collinsworth.

"Overall I thought it was a very beneficial class," said Angela Turley. "I think they provided us with some tools to

communicate with other team members, and I felt that participation was very good." Turley, chief of the Contin-

gency Team, Land Army Operation Forces, in Land Customer Operations, is a veteran of 33 years of service.

"The comments we got from some of the team members were very positive and they appreciated that management listened to the Denison survey results and provided us with the training," Turley said. Added Sledge: "We had leaders and supervisors together (in the class) and everyone was able to bring something to the table. Also, we got to comment on how we would improve our areas." "It was kind of unique," said James Lange, another CAS, who described one exercise that examined how each personality type reacted under stress. "I thought it was beneficial," he added.

The training was brought in as a result of the Denison Survey action plan submitted by Land Customer Operations to Command. Motivational speaker Gail Hahn taught the course, entitled "Revitalize Your Enterprise: Motivation, Communication, Conflict & Creating a Meaningful Workplace."

Event

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Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing, Navy Vice Adm. William R. Burke, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics, and Army Lt. Gen. Chris Christianson (Ret.), Director, Center for Joint and Strategic Logistics, National Defense University.

In order to broaden the scope of the DLA Enterprise Supplier Conference and Exhibition, the name of the meeting has been changed to the

“2011 DLA Industry Conference and Exhibition.” This year, there will be an even bigger presence from DLA Energy and the Subsistence Supply Chain of DLA Troop Support in order to make this a go-to event for networking and learning how to do business with all of DLA’s activities.

This year’s conference theme is “Sustaining Warfighter Support while Reducing Cost,” highlighting the agency’s role in providing worldwide logistics support while continuing to focus on Secretary of Defense Robert Gates’ goal of reducing costs and creating effi-

ciencies. “We have to find a way to get the financial resources to meet our national security needs. We owe our troops the financial support they need to carry out their mission,” DoD Comptroller Robert Hale said during the 2010 conference.

Hale said he believes asking defense agencies to look for efficiencies in their operations and then realign that money to forces and modernization functions will help bridge the financial gap.

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson made similar comments during last year’s

conference. “We’ve really got to become a more efficient logistics enterprise and try to reduce costs wherever we can,” he said. “Certainly, though, there is going to be some stress and (Secretary Gates)

would like us both – on the Department of Defense side as well as industry – to look for innovative ways that we can reduce sustainment costs and use those funds to modernize the force.” Last year’s conference

was attended by more than 3,000 people and included more than 230 exhibits. Additional information about the conference, registration and exhibitor information are available at www.ndia.org/meetings/1780/Pages/default.aspx.



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Army personnel do pushups at the June 3 Army Transitional PT class at the DSCC Fitness Center. The Army is doing pilot testing on a new test that has five events instead of three. Recreation specialist Rachel Massey (left) leads the group in a class that meets every Monday and Friday at 6:30 a.m.

Fitness

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consisted of three events—two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a two-mile run.

Some felt that the current PT test doesn’t adequately measure components of strength, endurance or mobility, and that the three events have a low correlation to the performance of warrior tasks and battle drills.

Experts hope the five new events will more accurately test a soldier’s anaerobic and aerobic endurance while reducing the risk of injuries.

In order to better assess anaerobic capacity that drives high-inten-

sity bursts of energy, the run will be changed to 1.5 miles. To better assess muscular endurance, one-minute rower and push-up events will not allow soldiers to pause and rest. This will require non-stop muscle movement that will demonstrate immediate muscle fatigue and failure. The run still measures aerobic endurance, but not anaerobic. The 60-yard shuttle run and long jump measure anaerobic capacity.

“Our workout isn’t extremely intense,” said Rachel Massey, a recreation specialist at the Fitness Center. “It’s designed to help soldiers learn the new exercises at first, then improve their form, time, speed

and reps. “We will work on plyometrics to improve long jumps, core exercises to improve the new rower exercise, chest and triceps workout to improve pushups, and agility drills to help with the shuttle run,” she said.

Massey, who has a bachelor’s degree in exercise science from Otterbein University and has been a certified personal trainer for four years, says the program is made for any fitness level, but geared more for the beginner.

“If there are soldiers that need more of a challenge, we can assist with that as well,” she said.

For more information, contact Massey at 614-692-3084.

Award

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proclamation from Wolfe and the City of Whitehall acknowledging the CINC award, followed by Strickler’s presentation of a Congressional citation from Austria and the presentation of a City of Columbus proclamation from Coleman by Isbell.

Strickler, formerly the deputy commander at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, noted the importance of the award and how difficult it is to win it. Isbell personally thanked the DSCC work-

force for their involvement in “keeping our service members safe by what you do here.”

The general then formally presented the award to the workforce with a reading of the award citation signed by President Barack Obama.

He then presented the

“E-flag” that symbolizes the award to You to fly on the installation yard-arm.

This is the sixth time the DSCC installation and has won the award. The installation previously won the award in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2007.

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Management analyst selected Associate of the Month

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Dana Thornbury, a marketing assistant in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office was honored as the Associate of the Month for January for DLA Installation Support at Columbus.

Thornbury played a key role in the development of the new MWR website launched in September. The site has experienced a major increase in monthly hits.

"The credit for that



Dana Thornbury

rests with Dana's superior ability to keep the site fresh, exciting, up to date and easy to navigate," former MWR chief Al Kluczynski said of her nomination.

MWR's comprehensive website gives information about many programs such as the Child Development Center, the Family Advocacy Program and the Civilian Welfare Council. It also lists information, hours and sched-

ules for the barber and beauty shops, Fitness Center, swimming pool, cafeterias, Eagle Eye Golf Course, sports leagues, RV storage lot, and advertises ITR Office ticket sales for various local sporting and entertainment events.

Thornbury has further exploited social media by creating Facebook and Twitter pages for MWR.

"Dana's enthusiasm, work ethic and fresh perspective also resulted in many new efforts for MWR," added Kluczynski, who noted Thornbury's

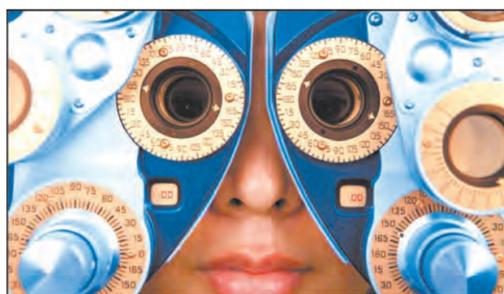
initiation of a new facility logo, improved program brochures and her support of center recycling efforts, the holiday parties, ITR ticket sales and barber-beauty shop promotions. "Dana is a truly outstanding employee and a phenomenal addition to our MWR/DLA installation support team."

Thornbury, a native of Tioga, La., graduated from Jackson High School, Jackson, Mich., and earned a bachelor's degree in from Park University, where she graduated summa cum laude.

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