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LIMs praised by DFAS leaders

Columbus employees commended for completing Leaders in Motion program

By Tom Casasanta
DFAS Corporate Communications

A new chapter in their careers recently began for 50 Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus employees who recently completed the Leaders in Motion program and received words of praise and congratulations from DFAS leadership.

"Success and opportunities lie ahead for all of you. I commend you all on your passion, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the duration of your time in the LIM program," said DFAS Director Terri McKay, the event's keynote speaker.

The LIM program is a two-and-a-half year developmental program with requirements such as a formal training curriculum, networking opportunities, presentation development skills and a Green Belt project, which was added recently.

The program allows LIMs to rotate through different areas within DFAS to learn, develop and enhance current skills.

Rick McGuffie, an information technology specialist, felt a sense of accomplishment after graduating.

"It is a relief. It feels good having all of my LIM program objectives complete and the rest of my career to look forward to," he said.

McKay praised the LIMs for their dedication and sacrifices made during their tenure in the program. She challenged them to use the knowledge

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CFC kicks off

Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC starts annual effort to help those less fortunate with luncheon



DLA PHOTO BY DAN BENDER

Bob Wallace, a retired DLA Land and Maritime employee who managed the organization's CFC campaign for many years, speaks about the benefits of giving to CFC during a Sept. 13 kickoff luncheon for the Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC.

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The Combined Federal Campaign has been a great way for federal employees to help those less fortunate through its first 50 years and will continue to provide that opportunity in the future, the keynote speaker said at a kickoff luncheon for this year's Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC.

"Although I'm not big on predicting the future, I'm 100 percent confident that the CFC will continue to better the lives of those who receive and a sense of helping others to those who give," said Bob Wallace, a retired DLA

Land and Maritime employee who managed the organization's CFC campaign for many years.

During his remarks, Wallace recounted the humble beginnings of CFC, which was created in 1961 by an Executive Order from President John Kennedy, and his involvement in the charitable campaign through the years.

The first CFC involved six participating campaigns that raised \$13 million; last year, 209 participating campaigns worldwide raised \$282 million, he noted, adding that the CFC has raised a total of \$7 billion for charities worldwide since its beginning.

Wallace, speaking Sept. 13 at the luncheon at the Quest

Center at Polaris, said he began his involvement in CFC early in his 42-year federal career when he realized that there were people less fortunate than he who would benefit from his donations to the campaign.

"I realized how a small donation can make a huge difference in someone else's life," he said. "I ask you, I beg you, I challenge you to support this year's campaign."

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, chair of this year's Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC, said he is confident this year's campaign will meet its goal of \$1.8 million.

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DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Marri Petrucci, one of four daughters of MIA Air Force Col. Francis J. McGouldrick Jr., spoke about her family's experiences after her father was lost in a mid-air collision over Laos in December 1968 during the Sept. 16 POW/MIA commemoration ceremony on the DSCC installation.

POW/MIA honored in DSCC ceremony

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

Searching for answers is a lifetime pursuit for those who have family members classified as missing in action, the daughter of an airman lost during the Vietnam War told the audience at the annual POW/MIA commemoration ceremony Sept. 16 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Marri Petrucci, one of four daughters of MIA Air Force Col. Francis J. McGouldrick Jr., spoke about her family's experiences after her father was lost in a mid-air collision over Laos in December 1968.

Petrucci said she vaguely recalls saying goodbye to her father in June 1968 when she was 4 as he left to fight in the war, and then receiving the news six months later that he had been lost over Laos and was listed as missing in action.

In 1978, McGouldrick, who was stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base in southeast Columbus before his service in Vietnam, was officially listed as "missing in action, body not found" and a gravestone was placed in Arlington National Cemetery. In 1980, Petrucci said she and her sisters lost their mother to breast cancer.

"She went to her grave having done all she could" to find out what happened to her husband, Petrucci said. "My sisters and I have taken up her cause."

"We certainly hope in our lifetimes we can find answers to the questions our mom went to her grave trying to get answered," she stated.

Also speaking at the ceremony was Liz Flick, state coordinator for the National League of POW/MIA Families since 1984.

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Guacamole demonstration starts Hispanic Heritage Month observance



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

DLA associates Romulo Fania (right) and Frances R. Quiñones work on preparing guacamole during a demonstration in the Building 20 cafeteria. The event, along with a similar demonstration in the Building 11 cafeteria, kicked off the Hispanic Heritage Month observance on the DSCC installation.

By Mislin A. Perez-Fernandez
Hispanic Employment Program
Public Affairs Liaison

The DLA Land and Maritime Hispanic Employment Program kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 with a demonstration of how to fix guacamole that also explained where the food item originated.

For the Hispanic community on the DSCC installation, it was an opportunity to educate and share their traditions and heritage with all installation associates. The event included music and a preparation demonstration and sampling

of guacamole during the lunch hour in the Building 11 and Building 20 cafeterias.

Guacamole is an avocado-based dip originated by the Aztecs as early as the 16th century in Mexico. After the arrival of the Spanish conquistadores, guacamole became popular in Spain. It is traditionally made by mashing ripe avocados with sea salt. Some recipes call for limited tomato, spicy Asian spices such as white onion, lime juice or additional seasoning.

In consideration of all Spanish speaking countries where

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IRS recognizes Columbus area resident for years of volunteer tax assistance

By Jennifer Jenkins
IRS Media Relations

The Internal Revenue Service in Columbus recently recognized a number of local residents for their volunteer assistance in providing free tax assistance to area residents as part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Those recognized include Columbus resident Louise White, who has participated in the VITA program in the Greater Columbus area since 1989, retired Army Gen. James "Jim" Abraham of Gahanna for 30 years of service and Glenn Culp of Pickerington.

Also recognized was a group of Columbus residents who were instrumental in making the Glenwood Free Tax Ministries VITA site in Columbus' Hilltop neighborhood a success. John Beattie, a third year VITA volunteer, served as the site coordinator. Other third-year volunteers include Dora (De Jaye) Wagner, Elizabeth "Liz" Myers, William "Bill" Snashall, John Adams, Terry Snapp and Raymond "Ray" Bock. Charlotte Prior, Christine Snashall, Malcolm Ator, Philip Edwards, Robert Foster, Samiya Jama, Sue Snapp and Robert Smith also contributed time and talents. Site volunteers achieved a combined 820 hours of service time.



Louise White was one of numerous central Ohio residents recently recognized by the IRS for their years of providing free tax assistance to area residents as part of the agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

IRS PHOTO BY DEBORAH SAMPSON

White's VITA involvement began at the Columbus Library's Linden Branch in 1989, and for the past 22 years, she has partnered with the IRS to run the VITA program at a local shelter in downtown Columbus.

Tax preparation is familiar territory for White – she had several years of experience preparing both individual and business tax returns. She loves that fact that she can help those with low incomes to keep what little money they have, stating, "It's the right thing."

Abraham dates his involvement with free tax return preparation assistance to 1982. He has continued to volunteer his

time and service because he derives satisfaction from helping to low-income and elderly taxpayers in the Greater Columbus area with free tax preparation, and because it provides him with an education on the tax system and how to prepare taxes.

Included among Abraham's noteworthy achievements are an estimated 30,000-plus miles driven in performance of his volunteer tax assistance duties, and preparation and filing of an estimated 3,000-plus returns. Abraham also provided training to dozens of other volunteers.

Culp's initial VITA involvement began more than four years ago, at the encourage-

ment of a friend serving as the VITA Site Coordinator at Church of the Good Shepherd on Sharon Woods Boulevard in Columbus. Culp soon started volunteering at the Columbus Public Library's Livingston Branch. He proved himself a quick and able learner, learning not just tax preparation duties, but many site coordinator duties as well. This year, after the untimely passing of the location's immediate past site coordinator, Culp stepped up to assume the vacated role, achieving what an IRS employee termed a "seamless transition."

Through Culp's leadership, the Livingston Branch Library's

VITA site achieved an increase in number of volunteers and tax preparation days, doubling the number of taxpayers served with respect to the previous year. Additionally, Culp received the 2011 Franklin County EITC Coalition Volunteer of the Year award.

Many volunteers view their participation in the VITA program as a way of giving back to the community, keeping up-to-date on tax rules and staying mentally active.

"I get much satisfaction helping others deal with the complexities of tax preparation and filing. Seeing taxpayers' reaction when they realize that they will receive a significant tax refund is rewarding," said Culp, a retired software development manager and project manager.

Beattie and the Glenwood Free Tax Ministries VITA volunteers overcame challenges such as obtaining the required hardware – computers, printer, etc. – to set up their site. They also had to solve the problem of advertising the tax ministry's services to the community on a minimal budget. Church members and groups, including the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, helped with donations to get the site started, and local media supplemented the volunteers' use of yard signs, a church banner and flyers distributed at local libraries and at the polls on election day.

Obituaries

Larry L. Dillman

Larry L. Dillman, 69, of Pataskala, died Sept. 9. Mr. Dillman was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was retired from DFAS.

was retired from DCSC as a procurement agent after 31 years of service.

Robert Charles Ranke Sr.

Robert Charles Ranke Sr., 92, of Grove City, died Sept. 6 at home. Mr. Ranke was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was retired from DSCC as head of Post Engineers.

Virginia M. (Millar) Nessley

Virginia M. (Millar) Nessley, 87, died Sept. 8 at The Woodlands of Columbus. Ms. Nessley

Thank You

I would like to thank DFAS AP Maintenance and my many friends at DFAS for all their support and kind words upon the passing of my mother, Lola Phillips. I would also like to thank the Civilian Welfare Council for the beautiful flowers. My family was touched by all of the kindness that was shown during this diffi-

cult time. Words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Mary Baker and family
DFAS Columbus

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DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Army interns join DLA Land and Maritime workforce

Interns Jonathan Kenyon (right) and Seeba Sahid (second from left) recently joined the DLA Land and Maritime workforce as part of their 18-month participation in the Department of Army Logistics Management Specialist Intern Program. DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClougherty (left) welcomed the interns and their sponsors in the Land Customer Operations directorate, Matthew Cowden (center right) and Anthony Stone (center left). Also joining in the conversation was Alessia Payne (right foreground), a management analyst in the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division. Prior to the interns' arrival in Columbus, they completed rotational assignments at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Eustis, Fort Dix and Fort Knox. Kenyon and Sahid will participate in an extensive eight-week training program learning about DLA that will entail organizational overviews, job role overviews and job shadowing experiences. They are scheduled to be with DLA Land and Maritime until Oct. 12, after which they will report to TACOM.

Briefs

Associates Choice Award winners recognized

The DLA Land and Maritime Associates Choice Award program has announced winners for July.

The winners are Phillip Gully of Maritime Customer Operations, Trevor Ramey, Kim Gross and Marey Bowser of Maritime Supplier Operations and Teena Berberick of Land Supplier Operations.

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

Group seeking volunteers to assemble care packages

The Deployed Family Support Group on the DSCC installation is seeking volunteers to help assemble holiday gift packages and cards for troops overseas. Associates can sponsor a soldier by taking one name from the deployed mailing list and having their department or division gather the contents and postage of a single box.

The Deployed Family Support Group includes civilian employees of DFAS and DSCC who offer support, advice and encouragement to family members and/or friends of service men and women who are deployed in a war zone or stationed far from home. The group welcomes all veterans, military retirees, family or friends who would like to help support our troops in uniform.

The group meets the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 12:30 p.m. in Buildings 20 and 21. The next sched-



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SAMMIGLI-FEARING

Holiday ball tickets on sale on DSCC installation

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams shakes hands with Donna Walker-Griffin as he purchases his tickets for the DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball. In the middle helping with ticket sales is Vanesha Marshall-Ails. The Holiday Ball will be held Dec. 2 at the Villa Milano Restaurant in Columbus. It is open to all federal employees, military and civilian, on the DSCC installation and will feature a social hour, followed by dinner, entertainment and dancing. The tickets are \$40 per person and will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations and dates on the DSCC installation: Building 20 cafeteria – Oct. 5 and 12, and Nov. 2, 9 and 23; Building 21 cafeteria – Oct. 18 and Nov. 16; and Building 11 cafeteria – Sept. 28 and Oct. 26. Other dates will be added if necessary. For more information, call DLA Land and Maritime protocol specialist Chris Mullins at 614-692-1221.

uled meeting date is Oct. 12 in Building 21, Room B128. The holiday packaging session will be held Nov. 8 in Building 21, Room C141.

For more information, call Nancy Wade at 614-692-2544, Pat Townsend at 614-693-2321 or Juliann Ryan-Abele at 614-692-5045.

It's A Date

September 2011 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

- SEPT. 28 – DLA Land and Maritime CFC kickoff, 10:30 a.m., Building 20 Buckeye/Cardinal Rooms
- SEPT. 29 – Rosh Hashanah
- SEPT. 30 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South

October 2011 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

- OCT. 6 – DLA Land and Maritime Navy birthday celebration, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

- OCT. 6 – Yom Kippur
- OCT. 10 – Columbus Day holiday
- OCT. 13 – U.S. Navy's 236th birthday
- OCT. 14 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 basement, C6 South
- OCT. 15 – Sweetest Day
- OCT. 16 – National Bosses Day
- OCT. 24 – United Nations Day
- OCT. 31 – Halloween

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Her organization's mission is to obtain the release of all prisoners, obtain the fullest possible accounting for the missing and the repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

Flick recounted a couple of stories about family members who spoke to her after remains of their missing loved ones were recovered, including one woman who was excited to be planning a funeral.

"You don't usually equate planning a funeral with happiness, but she was elated," she said.

While some families finally get their answers after years of waiting, the McGouldricks and 1,682 other families of Vietnam POW/MIAs "still await their answers," Flick told the audience.

In his welcoming remarks, Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus site director Jonathan Witter thanked the former prisoners of war in attendance, saying their presence "symbolizes our nation's will to persevere until all of our heroes are returned home."



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Guest speaker Liz Flick, state coordinator for the National League of POW/MIA Families, receives a memento of appreciation from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and DFAS Columbus site director Jonathan Witter.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams stated that "there is no more important day on this installation or in this community" than the POW/MIA commemoration.

"We all recognize the significance and importance of this day," he said.

Also during the ceremony, the Ohio State University Air Force ROTC Arnold Air Society Detachment 645 performed the symbolic "Table of Remembrance," while members of the

Whitehall and Gahanna VFW posts provided the 21-rifle salute for the ceremony.

Air Force Master Sgt. Tony Anderson of DLA Land and Maritime served as emcee, DFAS Columbus employee Velvet Liles sang the national anthem, DLA Land and Maritime associate Angela McCoy sang "God Bless America," and the Columbus Police and Fire Pipes and Drums performed "Amazing Grace." DLA Land and Maritime chaplain liaison and Army Maj. Dan Law (Ret.) gave the invocation.

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"There are few things I like more than being a member of a winning team," he said. "That's why I'm so pleased to be part of your team in central Ohio and West Virginia to raise money for the CFC."

He recognized the steering committee's hard work to lead the campaign, and added that based on the plans for this year's campaign, "I can see no other outcome than another successful campaign and another year of excellence."

The luncheon also featured the debut of this year's CFC campaign video, which featured an introduction by Williams and testimonials by Tina Pullen of the VA Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va., Carrie Roe of the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Public Debt in Parkersburg, W.Va., and Joel McKinney of the Social Security Administra-

tion, who said that CFC "offers more than philanthropy, it offers love of humanity."

Deb Perry, manager of the DLA Land and Maritime Executive Support Office and chair of this year's CFC Local Federal Coordinating Committee, thanked the DLA Training Center for producing the video free of charge.

She also noted that a new electronic giving option, CFC Nexus, will be available this year to make donating easier for federal employees.

Although each local federal agency will establish its own timeframe in which to run its campaign, the campaign "window" established by the U.S. Office of Personnel and Management is Sept. 1 through Dec. 15.

The DLA Land and Maritime campaign will begin Sept. 28 with a kickoff ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium.

More information about the Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC is available at www.cowvfec.org.

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PROVIDED PHOTOS

Guild Associates employees gather at the company's production facility in Dublin, Ohio, to celebrate the last Laundry Advanced System (LADS) coming off the production line. The LADS unit is used to clean and decontaminate clothing, including garments and accessories that were contaminated with chemical agents while using substantially less water than previous systems.

Central Ohio company supports warfighter

Contributed story

Guild Associates employees recently celebrated the completion of the last Laundry Advanced System (LADS) for the Defense Department at its plant in Dublin, Ohio.



Sue Pederson, a DLA Land and Maritime weapon system support manager for the Land Customer Operations Readiness Division, visited the local contractor Aug. 31 as the 202nd LADS unit came off the production line. Since 1991, Guild, working with the Army's Natick (Massachusetts) Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, has developed technology to clean and decontaminate clothing, including garments and accessories that were contaminated with chemical agents.

Guild first designed a solvent-based laundry system that used no water. But when solvent usage came under scrutiny due to concerns for ozone depletion, the Army changed course and decided on a system with low water usage — the LADS, which was awarded on a performance-based contract.

The LADS unit consists of two washer/dryer drums, a thermal fluid heater and a distillation system, all mounted on a flat rack that is 8 feet high, 8 feet wide and 20 feet long. It operates while mounted on a 40-foot M871A3 flat-bed trailer.

With the Army's previous laundry system, the M85, it took four M85s and 24,000 gallons of water per day to do the laundry for 500 soldiers. One LADS does the same job using 400 gallons of water. Meanwhile, wastewater is decreased from 20,000 gallons to 80, and laundry turnaround time is reduced from two days to one.

The LADS does not process chemically or biologically contaminated clothing; however, it will launder the Army's

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DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

DLA Land and Maritime Commanding General Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) chats with members of the Ohio Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen in the Building 20 cafeteria at a reception following the Air Force birthday celebration Sept. 15.

DSCC celebrates Air Force birthday with Tuskegee Airmen

By John Foreman
DSCC Public Affairs Office

Friends and associates from the Air Force family at the Defense Supply Center Columbus celebrated the Air Force's 64th birthday at a ceremony held Sept. 15 in the Building 20 auditorium.

DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander and retired Air Force Col. James McClaugherty opened the celebration by acknowledging the evolu-

tion of the Air Force during the past 64 years. He also saluted members of the Ohio Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen who were the featured guests for the celebration.

"Over the years, the Air Force has undergone an evolution of missions, roles and responsibilities culminating in it becoming the number one aerospace power in the world," McClaugherty said. "When our country must defend, strike, deliver, transport, intercept or spy

and now we do that in cyberspace. "When mission and values are properly aligned, great things happen and they have for the Air Force. Organizations that lose sight of their missions and values often cease to exist. Our Air Force has continued to uphold its mission and values and we're all better for it," Boggs said.

"Across the full spectrum of conflict from nuclear deterrence to irregular warfare, to all military engagements and everything in between, the Air Force brings global power today with the speed, precision and flexibility in air, space and cyberspace," Boggs added. Ence for the event was Air Force Master Sgt. Tony Anderson from the DLA Land and Maritime Military Affairs Office. Other events occurring during the celebration were three video tributes, the reciting of the Air Force Creed, a traditional cake cutting and the singing of the Air Force Song.

Nation stronger, safer since 9/11, Defense Secretary says

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As he stood where a hijacked airliner slammed into the Pentagon 10 years ago, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said the United States has become stronger and safer since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Today, Americans mark 10 years since that calm September morning when our country, our people, and our way of life came under attack," Panetta told an estimated 1,300 people gathered outside the Pentagon Sept. 11.

Panetta, along with Vice President Joe Biden and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke during a ceremony honor-

ing the 184 people killed at the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77 on 9/11.

The entire nation, the secretary said, joined those gathered at the Pentagon, at the World Trade Center site in New York, and in Shanksville, Pa., in remembering the nearly 3,000 people who died that day at those places.

At 9:37 a.m., 10 years to the minute since Flight 77 hit the building, the crowd at the Pentagon hushed in a moment of silence for the men, women and children who died in the smoke, flame and wreckage following the impact.

From the ceremony site, audience members could see both the part of the building damaged in the attacks — rebuilt by Sept. 11, 2002 — and the

Pentagon Memorial, dedicated on the seventh anniversary of the attacks.

"At this very moment, on this very spot, it is difficult to believe that ... this was the scene of incredible devastation," Panetta said.

The attacks a decade ago demonstrated "vicious hatred aimed squarely at our values," he said.

"They tried to weaken us; instead, they made us stronger," he added. In the aftermath of 9/11, Panetta said, Americans came together to reaffirm "our shared belief in liberty, equality, tolerance and fairness. And 10 years later, we again affirm our commitment to those enduring beliefs."

The strength of America's democracy rests in the willingness of its citizens

to give something back, and to fight and sacrifice in times of crisis, the secretary said.

"Sept. 11 was such a time," he said. "In the wake of the attacks, a generation of Americans stepped forward to serve in uniform, determined to confront our enemies, (and) to respond to them swiftly and justly."

During the past decade, service members have relentlessly pursued those who would harm the nation, Panetta said.

"Because of their sacrifices, we are a safer and stronger nation today," he added. "And the principal terrorist behind these attacks has been brought to justice."

More than 6,200 soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have lost their lives in the wars since 9/11, and like the victims of that day, they always will be remembered for their ultimate sacrifice to the nation, he said.

"Today, we think of their families, who have suffered tragedy and heartbreak," he said. "We think of the thousands of veterans who carry the seen and unseen wounds of war ... and we grieve for those lost."

That grief serves as inspiration to make the nation stronger and better for future generations of Americans, Panetta said.

"On this spot, at this moment, 10 years later, this is our solemn prayer and our solemn pledge — for ourselves, for our children, for our nation, to our world," he said.

Hispanic Heritage Month



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Sally C. Gutierrez (center), director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, receives a memento of appreciation from DLA Land and Maritime Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett and Debbie Yates, director of the Customer Service Center at DFAS Columbus, following her remarks at the DSCC installation Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony.

EPA leader guest speaker at ceremony

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The first female career Hispanic member of the Senior Executive Service in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was the guest speaker at this year's Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Sally C. Gutierrez, director of the agency's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, spoke about her career and the role of the EPA in protecting the nation's water supply during her Sept. 21 remarks in the Building 20 auditorium.

Gutierrez has worked for the U.S. EPA since 2000 and before that worked for Texas' environmental agency administering several water programs.

Water resource management has always been important to her because her father moved from Mexico to the U.S. after losing a child to a waterborne illness, said Gutierrez, who was born and raised in Houston.

"It continues to be a life-long pursuit both personally and professionally for me," she said.

She credited her success to her family's support of her and the importance of education, and said her career has been about pursuing the American dream.

In terms of moving up the ladder, "it's important to have people who believe in you and recognize your talents are worthy of consideration for upward mobility," she said.

Learning from experiences, networking with other people and dedication to your job are also keys to a successful

career, she said. "You need to learn from your experiences and continue to look at the world in a positive way and extract lessons from those experiences as you move forward in your career," she said.

Gutierrez also discussed the EPA's role in protecting the nation's water supply. She said the agency partnered with the Department of Homeland Security after the 9-11 terrorist attacks to prevent the scenario of intentional contamination of municipal water supplies in the nation. A scientist from her laboratory also deployed to the Gulf of Mexico to assist with the response to the British Petroleum oil spill there last year, she said.

Gutierrez ended her presentation by answering several questions from the audience.

In her opening remarks, Debbie Yates of DFAS Columbus said Hispanic Heritage Month is "a welcome time of reflection on the invaluable contributions of Hispanic Americans" to our country and the federal workforce.

Before the ceremony ended, DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office manager Charles Palmer and Hispanic Employment Program manager Maria Buch Castillo recognized DLA associates Joseph Altieri, Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba, Romulo Faria, Marina Matos, Angela McCoy, Ana Paez-Vallejo, Mislin Perez-Fernandez, Norma Rivera-Cortes, John Ramos and Shaelene Seda Vargas for their efforts to enhance Hispanic cultural awareness on the DSCC installation throughout the past year.

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the avocado is cultivated, a sampling of each country's music was provided by DLA Land and Maritime associate Francisco Bermudez.

DLA associates Romulo Faria and Frances R. Quiñones demonstrated how to fix guacamole in Building 20 and John Ramos provided a demonstration in Building 11. Some of the ingredients used were avocados, white onions, cilantro, tomatoes, serrano chile peppers, sea salt and lime juice.

Other Hispanic DLA associates Shaelene Seda Vargas, Mislin A. Perez-Fernandez,

Alberto Negron and Joseph Altieri offered chips and samples of guacamole made by a local restaurant to associates. Many associates were able to enjoy a taste of guacamole, including DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Equal Employment Opportunity Office manager Charles Palmer.

HEP manager Maria Buch Castillo and Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba also provided additional recipes in which avocado is used as a main entrée to interested associates.

For more information about the Hispanic Employment Program, call Castillo at 614-692-9704 or Quiñones at 614-692-7908.



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Army recruiting battalion holds Fun Run on DSCC installation

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (far left) and several DSCC employees joined soldiers of the Columbus Recruiting Battalion for its annual Fun Run Aug. 5 on the DSCC installation. The run, part of the battalion's Organizational Day activities, included the Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Field, and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Pulliam.

Columbus associate recognized for work in Air Force Reserve

Contributed story

Air Force Reserve Senior Master Sgt. John Nazario, a DLA Land and Maritime associate, was recently presented the Joint Service Commendation Award for his work in the Air Force Reserve.

DLA Military Joint Reserve Force Director Navy Rear Adm. Raymond P. English presented the award to Nazario Sept. 9 at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

As a multi-class supply expeditor on the DLA Maritime Customer Operations Reserve team, Nazario was nominated for the award for his "exemplary leadership and superb technical skills both in sup-

ply and administration."

He was noted for his "tenacious work ethic and meticulous attention to detail" in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the directorate and the Air Force Reserve Individual Mobilization Program.

Nazario completed nine backorder reduction projects that resulted in more than 2,000 backorders being closed. He also volunteered to help train members of other military services in customer account specialist duties.

Nazario was recently promoted to senior master sergeant and then assigned to the DLA/DRT-4 (Disposition Reserve Team-4) at DLA Disposition Services Columbus.



DLA Military Joint Reserve Force Director Navy Rear Adm. Raymond P. English pins the Joint Service Commendation Award medal to Air Force Reserve Senior Master Sgt. John Nazario Sept. 9 at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

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Members of the 2011 DFAS Columbus Leaders in Motion graduating class, shown above with LIM coordinator Philippa Houston (front center), were praised for their hard work and dedication by DFAS director Terri McKay at their Aug. 24 graduation ceremony.

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LIMs

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they gained and continue to deliver results.

"Do your best. Have a positive outlook on things, and expand your horizons throughout the rest of your careers," she said.

DFAS Columbus site director Jonathan Witter also praised the graduates for their accomplishments.

"This is a great milestone for all of you. Each of you has worked very hard to get to today. I applaud all of you for your hard work and dedication," he said.

For Ryan Calloway, a recent graduate now working in the Enterprise Readiness Office, the sky is the limit.

"It feels good to be done and to have succeeded with the program," he said. "However, I am going to miss being able to rotate through different areas, but I look forward to the next challenge ahead of me."

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dimensions are 20 feet long, 8 feet wide and 8 feet wide.

"It provides a private, dignified atmosphere for the nature of the work," Pederson said.

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