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Holiday Gift Package event



DFAS PHOTO BY TRACEY JORDAN
Volunteers pack boxes that were sent to troops deployed overseas during a Fall Package Drive event in mid-August.

Group seeks volunteers, donations for troops

By Linda Macklin
Deployed Family Support Group

The Deployed Family Support Group on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Holiday Gift Package event to support deployed troops.

The event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in DFAS Building 21, Room C141.

Volunteers are needed to help pack and address boxes or write holiday cards and notes. The group is also collecting donations of food, toiletries, games, books and postage for the gift packages. Individuals or departments are encouraged to sponsor a soldier this year.

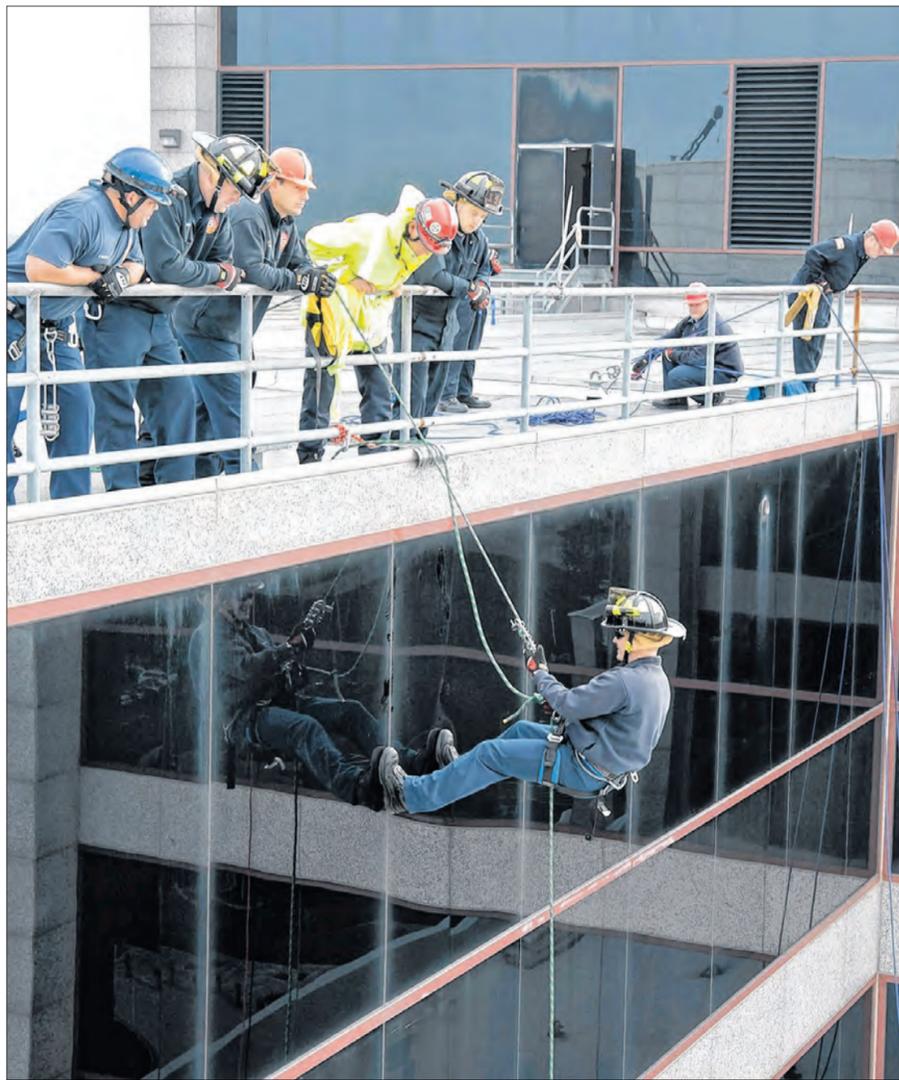
Anyone who wants details about sponsoring a soldier or how to help can contact Nancy Wade at 614-692-2544, Pat Townsend at 614-693-2321 or Julian Ryan-Abele at 614-692-5045.

More than 30 troops received care packages in early September thanks to the contributions of volunteers and donors on the DSCC installation as a result of a Fall Package Drive event in mid-August.

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DLA Installation Support at Columbus Fire and Emergency Services

Firefighters complete rope rescue training



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

DSCC firefighter Bob Watkins rappels down the side of Building 20 assisted by Ryan Everitt, Justin Barber, assistant fire chief Ron Born, Bowling Green State University instructor Scott Thomas, Ben Williamson, Dave Fite and Kevin Stuebs.

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

DLA Installation Support at Columbus Fire and Emergency Services firefighters recently completed a three-day Rope Rescue Training course on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

The training consisted of classroom and hands-on training designed to teach them how to quickly and safely extricate associates in high-rise rescues, in the event of

an elevator malfunction and other types of high angle rescue such as a window washer rescue. The hands-on training took place in Building 20.

Firefighter Ryan Everitt calls high angle rope rescue "a low frequency, high risk" activity that could come in handy with all the roof repair and window cleaning done in buildings 20 and 21.

"It's all about response time—speed to the injured person," said Everitt. "We've pre-planned the building pretty well and if someone got hurt in any part of the build-

ing, we could respond safely and efficiently."

The training also familiarized firefighters with various pieces of equipment such as anchoring systems, belay systems and other descent control devices. They also practiced skill sets such as knot tying, rappelling and the use of rescue equipment such as pulley systems, carabiners, screw links, the Skedco tripod, LSP halfback spinal immobilizing device, Stokes baskets and pick-off straps.

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DLA PHOTO

DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty (left) presents a memento of appreciation to Philadelphia detachment director Roger Dixon (right) and deputy director Francisco "Frank" Madeja to thank them for their efforts to support the warfighter as part of the DLA Land and Maritime family.

Philadelphia detachment officially disestablished

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The DLA Land and Maritime detachment at Philadelphia was officially disestablished by the Defense Logistics Agency Oct. 1.

The nearly 230 employees who were part of the detachment were absorbed back into the DLA Troop Support workforce and will continue supporting the items they did before.

During an Oct. 4 visit to Philadelphia, DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty thanked detachment director Roger Dixon and deputy director Francisco "Frank" Madeja for their efforts to support the warfighter as part of the DLA Land and Maritime family.

He presented a Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Dixon and a commander's coin to Madeja as tokens of appreciation for their support.

Dixon said he was "truly saddened" to leave the Land and Maritime family and that "the support and comradeship that we received from the entire Land and Maritime team will be missed."

"During the last eight years as we learned and grew as an organization, we began to fully understand the concepts behind 'The Land and Maritime Way,'" he said. "The focus on Performance, Transition and Culture gave us a balanced platform to maintain a healthy work environment while maintaining focus on mission support."

The decision to disestablish the detachment, along with the Aviation detachment at Philadelphia, was announced in July after DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson decided after considerable analysis and review that it would be in the detachment employees' and DLA's best interest to incorporate the Philadelphia consumable item detachments into Troop Support. The positions

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DLA PHOTOS BY CHUCK MORRIS

Charity Fair, Fill the Boot among CFC activities on DSCC installation

As the DLA Land and Maritime Combined Federal Campaign winds down, plenty of CFC-related activities and fundraisers have been held during October on the DSCC installation. Among the fundraisers was the annual "Fill the Boot" event held Oct. 14 by DSCC firefighters at each of the three gates onto the installation. Above left, Sparky the fire dog accepts a donation from a driver at the Broad Street gate. Earlier in the month, federal employees on the DSCC installation had the opportunity to learn about a variety of charitable organizations that are part of this year's CFC at a Charity Fair held Oct. 5 during lunch time in the Building 20 cafeteria (above right). Representatives from about 40 agencies were present to meet with associates and answer questions about their agencies. Also, bus tours of two different central Ohio CFC agencies scheduled for Oct. 13 and 25 were open to associates to learn more about those agencies. The DLA Land and Maritime CFC began Oct. 3 and continues through the end of the month. For more information, call Jill Sturgill at 614-692-3771.

Perspective

DFAS teams mark end of fiscal year by remembering those they serve

By Karey Dyer
DFAS Columbus

The Accounts Payable Maintenance Branch at Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus celebrated the closing of the books for the U.S. Army throughout September.

It's a tough month not only for the branch members at DFAS who work tirelessly to finish the year and post all the accounts, but the customer, the Army, has a challenging month, too, deciding how to finish out the year and make every penny count.

Under the leadership of Cassandra McDuff, Stacy Mayer, branch chief of Army Accounts Payable Maintenance, leads her team to work diligently and tie up all the loose ends.

For levity and morale, each department in AP-Maintenance takes a turn bringing in snacks and "Potluck Fridays" are held all month to help the teams keep their strength up. The grand finale is a contest between branch teams to create their version of "Proudly Serving America's Heroes."

"FYE is a stressful time. Our team is revived by remembering we serve the warfighter," said Carol Horvath, a TBU (Transaction by US) team member. "The example of team members who stopped to help co-workers resolve issues encourages everyone on the team to do the same. We have



DFAS PHOTO

Members of the NULO (Negative Unliquidated Obligation) Department hold up a sign showing their support for their customers in the U.S. Army.

great team spirit."

Anita Monk shared how hard it is sometimes to overcome issues with lines of accounting that didn't hit in the system and the hours of dedication and hard work it took her team to try and resolve the situation with the clock ticking. The stress is tremendous. Even after September ends, it takes the team time to get over the long hours and nervous tension.

All over the departments, people share stories of cousins and brothers and sons/daughters who serve in the military. Not only do they feel the deep dedication to our troops, but the pictures and stories of their loved ones remind all of us that what we do every day helps keep their lives safer and more comfortable.

Each member of the team picked a POW/MIA soldier. We read their stories and some bought bracelets like the ones many of us wore during the Vietnam War. The stories of the soldiers who were imprisoned and killed on the battlefields really hit home for our team members.

On Remembrance Day, Sept. 16, Ohio POW/MIA coordinator Liz Flick came to DSCC and spoke to more than 200 employees. She also brought five bracelets for team members who put them on and remembered that there are heroes who gave so much for our freedom.

The NULO (Negative Unliquidated Obligation) Department went out to Weapons Park Pavilion and shot pictures of each group that works together for different parts of

the Army. Some of us work for PEO Stri, others work for SOCOM, TACOM, CECOM, AMCOM Air and others. In many of the pictures, we held signs that simply said, "I care."

Our job is simple, to keep the books, to make sure the money spent is documented and that an account of it is kept. Play by the rules and regulations. Answer the call of a public servant and be above reproach. But our team needed more; we needed to remind ourselves who we serve.

So on the wall the stories of our heroes, the POW/MIAs, which each member picked, were displayed with the pictures of the team. We fought back the tears as we realized how important it is to really know who you serve.

We serve the Department of

Defense and the taxpayer with accounting services. We help military families with the paychecks they need and keep track of the bills that keep the U.S. Army in every supply needed to fight for truth and the American way.

Today, Wounded Warriors has also been a vital part of our thoughts. DFAS is making a place among us to provide these heroes with a vital part of helping them re-enter civilian life, with jobs. They need to come home and start back to work to support their families and that is a program everyone can get behind.

But it goes much deeper than that, it is a real story of service and the American hero. Many of the men and women in the pictures were long ago put to rest.

Some are still missing but never given up on; when we look into the faces of these real people, their story becomes our own.

We who serve the warfighter may never know the excitement or horror of the battlefield. But we do take up the torch and hold it high and don't break faith that our brothers and sisters may rest in peace.

We do so through remembrance. We will never forget nor will we take for granted the suffering of our fellow American. We here at DFAS will serve better because we remember.

Thank You

I am forever grateful for the wonderful support from many associates of the DSCC community, DLA Installation Support and throughout DLA during the extended sickness and passing of my wife, Jane, after battling breast cancer for more than 28 years. The flowers from the Civilian Welfare Fund along with other acts and words

of kindness deeply touched me throughout this difficult time. I cannot express enough my sincere appreciation.

Bob Genton
DLA Installation Support

To submit a thank you for publication in the Columbus Federal Voice, e-mail the thank you to publicaffairs.dscc@dla.mil.

DSCC firefighters visit Child Development Center



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

As part of national Fire Prevention Week activities, DSCC firefighters visited the Child Development Center Oct. 13 to talk to the children about fire safety and let them see the fire department's ladder truck up close. Firefighter Tim and Sparky the fire dog were also part of the visit. Also during the week, firefighters offered free blood pressure screenings and fire safety pamphlets to associates in the cafeterias of Buildings 20 and 21 during lunch time. The message for this year's Fire Prevention Week, held Oct. 9-15, was "Protect Your Family from Fire."

Obituaries

Charles Ronald Hoff

Charles Ronald Hoff, 75, of Columbus, died Oct. 1. Mr. Hoff was retired from DSCC.

Charles Warren

Charles Warren, 96, of Titusville, Fla., died Oct. 5 at his home. Mr. Warren was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC after 30 years of service.

Briefs

Tickets on sale for holiday ball

Tickets for the DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball will be on sale in the coming weeks on various dates outside the cafeterias in Buildings 20, 21 and 11 on the DSCC installation.

The Holiday Ball will be held Dec. 2 at the Villa Milano Restaurant in Columbus. It will feature a social hour, followed by dinner and 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:

Building 20 cafeteria – Nov. 2, 9 and 23.
Building 21 cafeteria – Nov. 16.
Building 11 cafeteria – 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.

Associate craft shows set for Oct. 27, Nov. 14

Federal employees on the DSCC installation who make their own crafts will be participating in two shows that will be held as part of the 10th annual DSCC Hand Crafted Craft Show.

The first show will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, in Building 21 in Rooms C136/137 of the

It's A Date

October 2011

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN
- OCT. 31** – Halloween

November 2011

- AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
- NOV. 1** – All Saints Day
- NOV. 4** – DLA Land and Maritime Marine Corps birthday ceremony, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium
- NOV. 6** – Daylight Savings Time ends
- NOV. 7** – DLA Land and Maritime Supervisors Call, 2:30 a.m., Building

- 20 auditorium
- NOV. 8** – Election Day
- NOV. 9** – DLA Director's Call, 11 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
- NOV. 10** – U.S. Marine Corps 236th birthday
- NOV. 11** – Veterans Day
- NOV. 21** – FEA Leadership Conference, Quest Business Center
- NOV. 24** – Thanksgiving

DFAS Conference Center; the second show will be held Monday, Nov. 14, in the Building 20 cafeteria Buckeye and Cardinal rooms. Both shows will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shows will feature crafts including homemade jewelry, pottery, candles, wood décor and other items handmade by associates on the DSCC installation.

Anyone who would like to participate or who needs more information can call Michele Pettit at 614-692-1111.

FEA conference set for Nov. 21

The Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio's annual Leadership Training Conference will be held Monday, Nov. 21, at the Quest Business Center facility at Polar-

is. This year's theme is "E Pluribus Unum" which translates to "Out of Many, One." Presentations and workshops will be provided by nationally renowned speakers along with subject matter experts from the federal sector, with a focus on personal improvement and professional development.

The conference is open to all federal employees within the Columbus and central Ohio areas. The cost of the conference is \$100 per attendee; continental breakfast and lunch are included.

The deadline to register is Nov. 14. For more information, contact Barry Roberts of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department at 614-469-5737, ext. 8308, or via e-mail at barry.a.roberts@hud.gov.

Deadline for essay contest is Oct. 30

The Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio announces this year's Public Service Recognition essay contest. All central Ohio federal employees are encouraged to participate in this essay contest that offers U.S. Savings Bonds to the first, second and third-place winners. The theme for this year's essay contest is "Stewardship in the Federal Sector." Winners will be recognized at this year's FEA Leadership Training Conference in November; winning essays will be published in the Columbus Federal Voice.

The deadline for essay submissions is Oct. 30. Essays should be no more than 1,000

words and sent via e-mail as an attachment to Marla Clifton of the DLA Land and Maritime Executive Programs Office at marla.clifton@dla.mil. For more information, call Clifton at 614-692-4828.

IRS seeking volunteers for tax help programs

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs are looking for volunteers and additional partner organizations to help prepare federal income tax returns for the 2012 filing season in communities across Ohio.

VITA and TCE volunteers provide free tax preparation for seniors, military personnel and taxpayers with low to moderate incomes (generally, less than \$50,000) who need help filing their tax returns. VITA and TCE sites are typically located in convenient locations and are normally open evenings and weekends during the tax filing season.

A variety of volunteer positions are available, to include tax preparers, greeters, recruiters and equipment coordinators. Training classes generally start in December.

More information is available at www.irs.gov (search "Volunteer") or by e-mailing TaxVolunteer@IRS.gov.

Group

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Volunteers worked from 3 to 6 p.m. to fill boxes with supplies and treats and shipped them to troops deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Packages were also sent to a hospital in Afghanistan to support the wounded warriors there. The care package drive, sponsored by the Deployed Family Support Group, is one of several packaging events held throughout the year.

The Deployed Family Support Group offers support, advice



Volunteers (from left) Juliann Ryan-Abele, Nancy Wade and Emily Hidey work on address labels for boxes that will be shipped overseas to deployed troops during a Fall Package Drive event in August.

DFAS PHOTO BY LINDA MACKLIN

and encouragement to family members and/or friends of service men and women who are deployed in a war zone or stationed overseas. The group welcomes all veterans, military retirees, family, and friends who would like to help support our

warfighters. The group meets once a month from noon to 12:30 on the second Wednesday of each month in Buildings 20 and 21.

More information on the Deployed Family Support Group and how to get involved is available at www.dscmwr.com/family.

Rescue

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One relatively new item is the CMC Rescue multi-purpose device, a pulley-type device used to lower heavy loads in emergencies. It can haul and lower extremely heavy loads and it replaces six pieces of equipment for simplicity and speed.

They also built anchoring and belay systems with multiple pieces of equipment.

All 21 trainees were afforded the opportunity to be in the positions of rescuer and individuals that set up all of the ropes and technical devices.

The course was conducted by instructors from Bowling Green State University Regional Training.

Classified Advertisements

Furniture

CABINET/DINETTE – solid oak cabinet and dinette set, table has four chairs and leaf, both in good condition, \$500, 614-370-3283.

Miscellaneous for Sale

CAR CODE READER – Actron CP9015 car computer code reader and manual for Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, 1984 to 1995, \$15, 614-546-7066.

MATTRESSES – Two sets full sized Simmons Beautyrest mattresses and box springs, Vanderbilt collection, Classic

Adelanto, \$200 each set, 614-837-5921.

SPEAKERS – PA speakers, 4 Cabs – eight 1,000 W EV 15-inch speakers, four 300 W EV mids with two 24-inch horns, asking \$1,200, 614-237-2742.

Autos

MG 1975 – MG Midget, restored, runs excellent, \$12K invested, located in Whitehall, garaged, asking \$5,995, 614-237-2742.

Trucks / Vans

FORD '98 – F250 truck, white, fair con-

dition, new brakes, newer tires, runs good, 173,311 miles, \$1,700 OBO, call 740-927-1705.

INTERNATIONAL '67 – 1000B Farmside pickup, 64K miles, 3-speed on column, 264 V8 engine, A/C, tonneau cover, new battery, brakes, lines and master cylinder, \$7,800, 614-693-1145.

GMC '88 – Sierra 1500 half-ton 4x4 pickup, rebuilt 350 engine, 5-speed manual, fiberglass bed cover, new tires, radiator, slave cylinder, universals, \$4,400 negotiable, 614-693-1145.

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Two honored for Navy support

Mechanicsburg associates recognized for efforts to help Navy warfighters

Contributed story

Two associates in the DLA Land and Maritime Mechanicsburg detachment were recently recognized for their efforts to speed up shipment of needed parts to warfighters in the U.S. Navy.

Rebecca Lohr, a contract specialist in the Hull, Mechanical and Electrical Division, recently processed an urgent requisition to support the guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG-67). The requisition, received Sept. 1, was for a solenoid valve, which is used on the DDG-67's propulsion system as part of the Main Speed Reduction Gear Assembly.

The manufacturer of the solenoid valve did not have any in stock and quoted a 28-week production lead time. Working with the NAVSUP Weapon System team,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

LaNelle Williams (left) and Kara Mettelle (right) of the DLA Installation Support at Columbus safety and health office stand with master of ceremonies NBC4 meteorologist Jym Ganahl Sept. 23 after receiving an award at the American Red Cross Central Ohio Blood Services Region Annual Life Sharing Challenge Recognition Luncheon. Mettelle is the DSCC installation blood drive coordinator and Williams is her alternate.

Red Cross honors DSCC installation

Contributed story

The DSCC installation was honored Sept. 23 by the American Red Cross Central Ohio Blood Services Region at its 24th Annual Life Sharing Challenge Recognition Luncheon.

The installation received a Special Recognition award at the luncheon for blood drives ending June 30. During the past year the installation donated 472 units of blood, including 219 units of type O.

Installation blood drive coordinator Kara Mettelle and alternate LaNelle Williams attended the luncheon. Master of ceremonies was honorary chair Jym Ganahl, NBC4 meteorologist.

DSCC was highlighted because of its special focus in partnering with the American Red Cross to continue to assist with blood collection efforts.

Personnel gather to celebrate service's 236th birthday

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Navy officers and retired Navy personnel from the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation gathered in the Building 20 Buckeye Room Oct. 6 to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 236th birthday.

"We serve on every ocean and every continent in the world," Navy Capt. Roland Wadge, director of the DLA Land and Maritime Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate, said in brief remarks during the celebration. "We take the fight to terrorists, to pirates, which is interesting in



Helping cut the cake to celebrate the U.S. Navy's 236th birthday are (from left) DLA Land and Maritime Strategic Acquisition Programs director Navy Capt. Roland Wadge, Navy Capt. Jonathan Holsinger, the oldest Navy officer present, Navy Petty Officer First Class Kris Koslap of Navy Recruiting District Ohio, the youngest Navy officer present, and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

this modern age, and to drug traffickers."

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams said that because of his experiences working with Navy officers in Columbus and his previ-

ous assignment at U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, "it has become abundantly clear to me why we have the greatest Navy in the world.

"Thank you to team Navy for the job you do each day and for doing it exceptionally

well," he said.

Williams began his remarks by asking for a moment of silence in honor of Navy Rear Adm. Kurt Kunkel, the director of DLA Energy who died Sept. 28 of brain cancer at age 51. Williams attended an Oct. 5 memorial service for Kunkel at DLA Headquarters.

The traditional cake cutting ceremony was performed by Navy Capt. Jonathan Holsinger, a DLA Land and Maritime associate who was the oldest Navy officer present, and Navy Petty Officer First Class Kris Koslap of Navy Recruiting District Ohio, the youngest Navy officer present, with the assistance of Wadge and Williams.



DLA PHOTO BY NAVY LSC EBONY PINNOCK

Pearl Harbor detachment sailors participate in ceremony aboard USS Missouri

Sailors from the DLA Land and Maritime Pearl Harbor detachment participated in the annual End of the War in the Pacific ceremony held Sept. 2 on the USS Missouri Memorial, marking the 66th anniversary of the surrender of Japan to end World War II. LSSN Jessril De La Cruz lead the Old Glory Detail, comprised of sailors and airmen, during the ceremony. In the photo above, De La Cruz (standing right) salutes Old Glory as LS2 Jerico Ponilas prepares the flag to receive honors. Old Glory was presented to Dr. E. Bruce Heilman (background, third from the right), a World War II veteran who is chancellor of University of Richmond and national spokesman of the Greatest Generation Foundation. Seated to Heilman's left is Navy Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and event guest speaker Navy Rear Adm. Robert Girrier, Commander, Car-



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rier Strike Group Seven, USS Ronald Reagan. In the second photo are sailors from the Pearl Harbor detachment who attended the ceremony. They were (front row from left) LS2 Danna Mabini, LS2 Neimodro

Akina, LSSN Jessril De La Cruz and LSC Ebony Pinnock; and (back row from left) LS1 Nakeia Brinson, EN2 David Reshaw, LS2 William Nicklay, LS1 Juma Redwood, LS1 Romeo Ramones and LS2 Jerico Ponilas.

Business booming at DSCC's AbilityOne store

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

"The AbilityOne Program services a population facing an unemployment rate of over 70 percent," said Melinda Rupp, manager of the Associated Industries for the Blind Base Supply Center store on the DSCC installation.

The Base Supply Center, located in Building 11, is part of the AbilityOne Program, which is the single largest employer of Americans who are blind or who have other severe disabilities.

The DSCC store opened Dec. 15 of last year, and, according to Rupp, has seen its number of accounts grow to 110. Each of those customers has as many as 20 to 40 deliveries a day taking office



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams visited the AbilityOne AIB Supply Center store on the DSCC installation Oct. 3. Posing with the general are (from left) Karri Phillips, manager Melinda Rupp, Perry Ling and Adam Etter. October is National AbilityOne Awareness Month, as well as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

supplies and other items to about 150 different locations, according to Rupp.

In addition to deliveries at Rickenbacker Airport and Beightler Armory, the store also makes shipments all over

Ohio and Indiana. The largest single account is the Army Recruiting office, followed closely by Defense Finance and Accounting Service and

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Women's Equality Day

Fitch-Gordon speaks at program

From Federally Employed Women

Arlena Fitch-Gordon, a local nationally recognized speaker for Federally Employed Women, was the keynote speaker at a Women's Equality Day program held Aug. 30 in Cincinnati at the Food & Drug Administration's Forensic Chemistry Center.



Arlena Fitch-Gordon

The U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1971 to honor continuing efforts by women towards equality. Fitch-Gordon began her message by sharing her thoughts regarding the celebration of Women's Equality Day.

"The struggle for the 19th Amendment began in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y. It finally was added to our Constitution in 1920," she said. "The Federally Employed Women continues to ensure, however, that women remain on an equal footing with their male colleagues in the workplace and all facets of our society and this includes an aggressive campaign to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.

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

This led into her message on "Creating a Vision and Making it Happen." Fitch-Gordon told the audience that "all of you would agree that the success of the women's equality struggle became a monumental event. These courageous women demonstrated 'Creating a Vision and Making it Happen.'"

She told audience members that as they participate in elections, they should remember the

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Sports & Leisure

Team DSCC participates in 33rd Columbus Marathon

By Jennifer L. Russell
MWR Marketing Manager

The 29 participants of the DSCC Marathon and Half Marathon team, including DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, Deputy Commander James McClaugherty and Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett, were a motivated and “ready to kick butt” team in the Oct. 16 33rd annual Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon.

Team DSCC, sponsored by the DSCC Fitness Center, was a mixed group of first-time and veteran endurance racers.

The majority of the team accomplished the half marathon while eight of the team members went the full 26.2

miles.

The full marathon team members included Paul Waltermeyer, who completed his 13th full marathon (10 half marathons), and Kim Cunningham, who finished her first full marathon despite a nagging leg injury.

At least eight runners ranging in age from 26 to 50 attempted the half marathon for the first time. The rest of the half marathoners had prior experience. One of the Team DSCC members, Charisse Peoples, finished her 14th half marathon; she has run two full marathons.

Erle Haunn, another veteran runner on Team DSCC, finished the half marathon in 1:36 to place 50th out of the 533

runners in his age group.

Team DSCC 2011 Marathon Results

- Full Marathon - Terrance Johnson, 3:47; Zach Heuer, 4:08; Jim Eschmeyer, 4:11; Stanley Lamour, 4:13; Paul Waltermeyer, 4:25; Matt Coughenour, 4:33; Doug Dapo, 4:59; and Kim Cunningham, 6:20.

- Half Marathon - Erle Haunn, 1:36; Bryan Stansberry, 1:37; Brian Hoffman, 1:42; Andre Walker, 1:51; Danielle Head, 1:52; Anthony Whitney, 1:56; Makeya Porter, 2:00; Steve Rose, 2:01; Evan Lindahl, 2:03; Blair Hartley, 2:10; Korpo Degbeh, 2:18; Col. Ryan Kivett, 2:18; Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, 2:18; Paul Bennett, 2:23; Stephen



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Federal employees from the DSCC installation who participated in the Columbus Marathon or Half-Marathon Oct. 16 in downtown Columbus included (front row from left) Joanna Tucker, Paul Bennett, Charisse Peoples, Beth Ann Craddock, Jim Eschmeyer and DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty; and (back row from left) Stephen Byus, Matt Coughenour, Stanley Lamour, Tony Whitney, Andre Walker, Terrance Johnson, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, Charles Sharp and Makeya Porter.

Byus, 2:23, Charisse Peoples, 2:28; Tim Long, 2:29, Beth Ann Craddock, 2:35; James

McClaugherty, 2:37; Sherry Bush, 2:56; and Joanna Tucker, 3:08.

Ohio Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership conference

DLA associates celebrate diversity, Latino heritage

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Latino associates from Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently attended the third annual Ohio Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership conference Sept. 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.

The conference was developed to help create partnerships, expand networks, promote collaboration and grow competencies among all attendees. It focuses on issues related with recruitment, diversity, mentorship, business development and advancement of Latinos and other minorities in the workplace.

Associates in attendance were Ana Paez Vallejo, Shaelene Seda Vargas, Maria B. Castillo, Romulo A. Faria, Liza Gerardo, Mislin A. Perez Fernandez, Gerardo Davila, Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba, John Ramos, Aixa Rivera and Mardia Burgos. Through the event, they were able to celebrate Ohio's growing diversity, understand the importance of cross cultural competency and professional growth in the workplace, and connect with Ohio's Latino/ Hispanic community with valuable information related to leadership development.

The conference was organized by Empleos & Employment LLC, a Latino woman-owned business that specializes in offering local bilingual hiring solutions to job seekers and employers alike through communication networks. The company's mission is to foster diversity and inclusion in the workplace by providing clients with the tools they need to effectively recruit, retain and advance diverse candidates in the workplace with a special emphasis on the Latino/ Hispanic professional.

Cristina Villacinda-Farr, founder and president of Empleos & Employment, spoke about how the Latino population has become the fastest growing ethnic group in Ohio and the United States during her opening remarks. According to the 2010 census, there are 50.5 mil-



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ABOVE: Keynote speaker Pegine Echevarria (center) gathered with Latino associates from DLA Land and Maritime and DFAS Columbus who attended the third annual Ohio Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership conference in Columbus recently. Pictured are (front from left) Maria B. Castillo, Ana Paez Vallejo, Echevarria, Mariflor De La Cruz Villalba, Shaelene Seda Vargas and Mislin A. Pérez-Fernandez; and (second row from left) Gerardo Davila and Mardia Burgos. **BELOW:** Local federal employees who attended the third annual Ohio Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership conference in Columbus included (from left) Aixa Rivera, Romulo Faria, Marvella Duarte Coon, Liza S. Gerardo and Mardia Burgos.

lion Latinos in the U.S., with 354,000 in Ohio. Villacinda-Farr emphasized that Latinos play an increasingly important role in the economy, government and politics, and are influential across a wide range of cultural domains.

Five conference tracks were designed and developed to meet the needs of the audience: Outreach and Retention, Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship Research and Development, Inclusion, and Mujeres (women) track. Each track offered three different workshops presented by experts and professionals in different fields.

The keynote speaker was Pegine Echevarria, an expert on transforming organizations by motivating leaders in a diverse world and empowering people to be leaders in their lives, work, family and community. She has a bachelor's degree in theater arts and a MSW in group and organizational development and has received numerous awards and proclamations for her leadership. She is one of 58 inductees in the prestigious Motivational Speakers Hall of Fame.



Echevarria took the audience participation to a whole new level by incorporating her hobby as a stand up comedian and background as a trained improvisational and children's theater performer. She motivated and inspired attendees to increase productivity, improve morale, empower employees, utilize inclusion to maximize innovation, and transform their organization's cohesiveness.

The fourth annual Ohio Diversity Latino Talent & Leadership Conference will be held Oct. 4, 2012, in Columbus. For more information, call Castillo, the DLA Land and Maritime Hispanic Employment Program manager, at 614-692-9704 or HEP coordinator Frances R. Quiñones at 614-692-7908.

Albany awards first EProcurement contract

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DLA Land and Maritime's new Depot Level Reparable contracting officer at the DLA Land Albany detachment supporting Marine Corps Logistics Command made the organization's first award using EProcurement earlier this year.

DLA Land and Maritime BRAC Office director Don Schulze called the action “a momentous occasion” because it was the first DLA Land and Maritime award via EProcurement, and the first DLR award within DLA via EProcurement.

Milt Lewis, contracting executive for DLA Land and Maritime, seconded Schulze's description, calling the action “a significant development” for DLA Land and Maritime.

“A lot of credit goes to a lot of people, especially the Procurement Process Support directorate,” he said. “They've spent three years working on EProcurement.”

Marietta Lane, the first Marine Corps buyer, made the \$31,733 buy to fill an urgent requirement for the Marine Corps Logistics Command in Albany, Ga. The depot maintenance organization needed two Caterpillar diesel engines for vibrating road compactors (the CS-563E Compactor and the CP-583E).

The engines were purchased from Albany, Ga., supplier Yancey Brothers Co., which does business as Caterpillar, Albany, Ga. Terms of the contract were that the engines be shipped to the MCLB within 20 days.

MCLB Albany works on all Marine Corps ground vehicles such as light armored vehicles, MRAP vehicles, seven-ton vehicles, Humvees, motor graders and bulldozers, supporting electronic gear like radios, and all Marine Corps small arms such as M16s, between the two depots — Maintenance Center Albany and Maintenance Center Barstow, Calif.

“This is a major deal in that we have demonstrated that we can make an award through EProcurement at a remote site,” Lewis stated. “It's a significant first step and there's still a lot to be done, but we want to celebrate the fact that we have been able to get to this day.”

EProcurement, a software program that automates and standardizes contract writing throughout the agency, was developed to replace DLA's legacy contracting systems.



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Ohio adjutant general visits Serbian partners

Ohio Adjutant General Army Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst and a delegation from Ohio visited Serbia in mid-September as part of the ongoing National Guard State Partnership Program, promoting and coordinating activities between Serbia and Ohio. In the photo above, Gen. Miloje Miletic (left), Serbian chief of general staff, and Ashenhurst conduct a pass in review of the Serbian Ceremonial Honor Guard. In the photo at right, Ashenhurst (right) talks with newly appointed female Serbian officers who graduated from the country's Military Academy in Belgrade. The visit concluded another successful exchange with Serbia, a partner with Ohio since 2007.



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Lohr was able to locate one in stock from another company in New Castle, Del., obtain a quote and process an award in the amount of \$80,839 in less than a day, with a delivery of two days. The item was received by the USS Cole Sept. 2.

The Cole was commissioned in 1996 and was the victim of a terrorist attack in October 2000 in Yemen that killed 17 sailors. After \$250 million of upgrades and repairs, Cole returned to service April 2002 and has since participated in eight exercises and completed four deployments.

Scott Lesh, a contract specialist in the detachment's Communications and Surveillance Division, was also recognized for awarding a Fast Pay order in support of two requirements for the amphibious transport dock ship USS Denver (LPD 9) for a slip ring assembly, a key component of the AN/SLQ-25A torpedo countermeasure system. NAVSUP initially attempted to satisfy the



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An associate in the DLA Land and Maritime Mechanicsburg detachment was recently recognized for his effort to process an urgent requisition in support of the guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG-67).

requirements through a repair order, but the required delivery date could not be met. Within 24 hours after requirement receipt, Lesh placed an order in the amount of \$22,234

with the manufacturer, which provided excellent support, quoting the same day the request was sent and expediting the order to ensure delivery by the required delivery date.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orders can be placed in person, by telephone, fax, e-mail or online.

Store

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DLA Human Resources. The largest percent of business is done with the Ohio National Guard.

"We have experienced some tremendous growth both individually as a store and nationally as part of AbilityOne and NIB," Rupp said.

The local store has already shipped more than 3,000 government calendars, but not all of the business is in office supplies.

"We now supply the DLA Police Department

with their tactical gear, and we supply Pass and ID with the badge holders it issues," Rupp said.

Some other interesting shipments are more than 200 inspection mirrors for DFAS bomb drills, 35 convex security mirrors for the Child Development Center expansion, 100 smart card readers, 200 military coin holders, and a custom six-foot-by-four-foot magnetic dry erase board. There are almost 1,600 items in the store, but it has access to almost 40,000 items.

Sales of the store's Skilcraft items greatly increase chances of

employment for disabled employees. Many of the thousands of Skilcraft items, such as pens, correction tape, correction pens, mailing labels, filing folders and dry erase pens and boards, are manufactured by disabled employees with support and raw materials from name brand manufacturers such as 3M and Avery. Of the local store's 1,600 items, about 640 are AbilityOne/Skilcraft items.

Rupp reminds GSA card holders that it takes only a few minutes to get an account set up. It can be done quickly over the

phone at 614-947-6147.

"We greatly appreciate all the support everyone has shown us this first year and look forward to servicing the government card holders' needs for a long time to come," Rupp said.

Rupp's team includes Adam Etter, who works in the warehouse and makes deliveries; Karii Phillips, customer services and invoicing; and Perry Ling, who also works in customer service.

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women who went before them, enduring hardships such as jail, public and private humiliation, and forced feeding but still stood strong to see the 19th Amendment pass from a dream for equality to a reality on Aug. 26, 1920.

"You keep their dream alive at the local, state and national level every time you exercise your right to have your voice heard. Never forget that your vote counts," she said. "Women have made great strides since then."

Fitch-Gordon then asked the audience to focus on "Creating a Vision and Making it Happen" for themselves.

"You must move past

average and invest in yourself. Create a vision. You must learn how to build relationships by networking with other people. You must be willing to ask others for help. Harness the power of the women around you," she said.

She spoke about the importance of having a mentor.

"How many of you present here today have a mentor? We all learn from one another. If you

don't already have a mentor, find one," she urged.

"We don't always get what we deserve in life, but we do get what we learn how to negotiate. Dare to take a risk. Don't go through life looking back over your shoulder, wondering what would have happened if you had just moved out of your comfort zone and dared to take the risk," she stated.

Fitch-Gordon concluded

her message by sharing that her vision was to one day become a nationally known motivational speaker for Federally Employed Women, a vision that has come true.