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Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Guest speaker Jeri Peterson (center), Federally Employed Women's Special Assistant for People with Disabilities, talks to the audience during the Oct. 25 Disabilities Awareness Month program at the DFAS Conference Center. Listening are event emcee and DFAS Columbus employee Kathryn Frederick (left) and DLA Land and Maritime associate Jason Dutton, who sang the national anthem.

Speaker focuses on value to workforce

By Regine Williams
Federally Employed Women

Employees with disabilities make valuable contributions as part of the federal workforce, according to the guest speaker at a Disability Employment Awareness Month program on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Jeri Peterson, Special Assistant for Persons with Disabilities for Federally Employed Women, spoke at the Oct. 25 event in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Conference Center. The event was co-sponsored by FEW, the DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office and DFAS Columbus.

Peterson focused on the theme for this year's observance of Disability Employment Awareness Month, "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities."

She spoke about the investment the federal government has made not only in people with disabilities,

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69-year federal career coming to an end

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

What was expected to be a temporary job leading to the dream of a self-owned business turned out to be one of the longest federal careers on record.

John Bruce, an army employee working with the DLA Land-Warren detachment, recently completed a 69-year federal career—65 years of civilian service plus four years of military that covered eight decades.

"It was supposed to be a temporary job," said Bruce, who turns 95 on Dec. 3. "My uncle was a CPA (certified public accountant) and we wanted to start an accounting business in Michigan.

"I was seeking an accounting job (with the government) and was accepted on a temporary basis as a price analyst," Bruce explained. "We took over procurement for the (tank) plant after the Chrysler contract was terminated. We bought parts for the M4 and M26 heavy tanks and did most of the repair parts." (The M4 Sherman was the primary World War II tank, which gave way to the M26 Pershing that was phased out in 1951 in favor of the M46 Patton.)

That was in 1946, and Bruce said it was difficult to leave his native California, but he couldn't pass up the opportunity in the state up north. Upon arriving he met a young girl named Jean who would became his wife in 1948. Before Jean died in 1997, the couple had two daughters. Today there are three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bruce graduated from UCLA in 1942 with an accounting degree. During his senior year, he also worked for Douglas Aircraft when he tried to get into the Navy. A blood pressure problem spoiled those plans and he volunteered for the Army. Initially a stateside medical corpsman, Bruce soon found himself in the Pacific serving as an intercept operator in the Army Signal Corps.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Acquisition specialist John Bruce holds a certificate of service in a photo from 2008. Bruce, who came to Detroit Arsenal in 1946, recently retired after 69 years of government service—65 a years as a civilian and four in the military.

Bruce, now a GS-15, had a major role in the Base Realignment and Closure Commission work in setting up the Warren detachment that designed the processes and procedures that purchase depot reparable parts for the Army. Expensive spare parts such as engines and transmissions are not consumables. They are repaired and reused.

Working on the BRAC team was a little different experience for Bruce because of the joint service connection.

"It gives you a different perspective," Bruce explained. "You find so many similar problems exist across all services," he says.

"DLA does the buying, but the control of the part remains with the Army," Bruce said. "DLA procedures are different and each service has its own process procedures," said Bruce of his challenges.

Bruce said he'll miss the people he worked with through the years, but not the nearly constant reorganizations. His first job was in resource management in TACOM's Building 1, and except for a short time in 1946 when the command's headquarters was in Detroit, Bruce spent most of his 65

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DLA PHOTO BY TEODORA MOCANU

Retired Navy Vice Adm. Edward Straw, DLA director from 1992 to 1996, talks about the agency's legacy Oct. 26 during DLA's 50th anniversary celebration in the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

Employees celebrate 50 years of support

By Beth Reece
DLA Strategic Communications

"Around the world, around the clock" describes the Defense Logistics Agency better today than ever, the agency's 11th director said Oct. 26 during DLA's 50th anniversary celebration in the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

Retired Navy Vice Adm. Edward Straw, director of DLA from 1992 to 1996, joined current DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson, employees and former leaders to reflect on five decades of logistics support to America's military. The event was held in conjunction with the DLA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which was also attended by Alan Estevez, assistant secretary of defense for logistics and material readiness.

DLA Land and Maritime associates could listen to the anniversary celebration during a live video-stream broadcast in the Building 20 auditorium or at their work stations.

Thompson called today's DLA "a vibrant logistics enterprise around the globe."

"Each day we receive and process more than 114,000 orders and we engage in over 11,000 contracting actions," he said. "In the fiscal year that just ended three weeks ago, we had historical sales at $46.1 billion."

In introducing Straw, Thompson said his predecessor "guided DLA's journey for a number of years.

"He is a superb leader, a true visionary and one of DLA's most successful former directors," Thompson said.

Straw was known for his ability to merge best practices of the public and private sectors to enhance the agency's performance and drive savings, Thompson added.

"He restructured the agency and drove major changes that reflected an era of increased efficiency,

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Associate craft show set for Nov. 14

A wide variety of items was available at a craft show held Oct. 27 in the DFAS Conference Center. The 10th annual DSCC Hand Crafted Craft Show featured crafts handmade by federal employees on the DSCC installation. A second show will be held Monday, Nov. 14, in the Building 20 cafeteria Buckeye and Cardinal rooms from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will feature crafts including homemade jewelry, pottery, candles, wood décor and other items. Anyone who needs more information can call Michele Pettit at 614-692-1111.

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Deputy director explains functions of DLA Finance Land and Maritime office

By Janet Bunnell
DLA Finance Land and Maritime deputy director

There are many misconceptions about the duties performed by Defense Logistics Agency Finance Land and Maritime. Since no myths have or will ever grace the pages of snopes.com, this article should dispel some false impressions.

DLA Finance, who?

Maybe associates have asked themselves this question (maybe not). Let's peel back this onion. DLA Finance Land and Maritime consists of four divisions, six branches and 61 associates. Its chain of command does not run through the local leadership.

In fiscal 2004, finance offices from across DLA were operationalized. Enterprise Finance offices now report directly to the DLA chief financial officer with matrixed support to the Primary Level Field Activity commands. The theory is that synergies and savings could be gained by singling up the finance communities from around the agency.

Those are the basics. Now, let's get into some detail. DLA Finance performs a variety of functions through a diverse set of job roles. There are three financial service branches, three budget branches, and a process management division.

DLA PHOTO

DLA Finance Land and Maritime associates gathered recently for a photo on the steps of Building 20. The directorate consists of 61 associates in four divisions and six branches who perform a variety of functions through a diverse set of job roles.

The financial service branches break down into four job roles - financial service analyst, financial operations liaison, financial customer liaison and financial supplier liaison. More important than their job titles are the functions these individuals perform; they analyze financial statements and accuracy of financial reports for auditability, resolve vendor payment issues and help reduce interest payments, resolve customer billing issues for proper sales records, input manual obligations for items such as PCS, travel and non-labor contracts, and are the DLA financial face to DFAS, the vendors and the customers.

The FSOs are the scientists of the organization in that they take exact measurements of what has happened and help clean up messes created upstream.

Within the budget branches there is only one job role - business analyst. BAs allocate and monitor funds, address pricing issues, develop cost recovery rates, prepare budget plans such as the Program Budget Review and monthly phasing plans, and evaluate execution versus the plan. The budget offices are the artists of the organization in that they paint a picture of what the finances should look like and then compare that picture to reality.

Two functions reside in the process management division - business process analysts for finance and the field stewardship advocate. The BPAs understand system functionality and monitor financial transactions and data, recommend process changes, assist end users and capture problems experienced, and assist with training from the material taught to the method of delivery.

The field stewardship advocate is the coordination point for DLA Land and Maritime stewardship activity and the liaison back to DLA headquarters; responsibilities include briefing the stewardship champion, organizing the local process cycle teams, and coordinating internal control documents.

Process management is like the mechanics of the organization; they know the system from headlight to tailpipe and diagnose/help correct all the problems in between.

While this is not an exhaustive list of the activities performed in DLA Finance, it should give associates a good flavor of the duties and functions of the organization. DLA Finance is more than just travel and payroll or the office that holds the money; it is multifaceted. Finance plays a supporting role not only in all organizations and disciplines for DLA Land and Maritime but others on the DSCC installation. And while 61 associates puts the organization at the low end of personnel numbers, there's an old saying that fits - "good things come in small packages."

Editor's note: *Janet Bunnell recently completed the Level III Mentoring Program and wrote this story as part of her mentoring action plan.*

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. 9 and 23.
Building 21 cafeteria – Nov. 16.

Other dates will be added if necessary. For more information, call DLA Land and Maritime protocol specialist Chris Mullins at 614-692-1221.

Dolan is new Maritime Supplier Ops director

Navy Capt. James Dolan

Navy Capt. James Dolan has arrived at DLA Land and Maritime as the new director of the Maritime Supplier Operations.

He came to Columbus from Puget Sound, Wash., where he was commanding officer of the Navy's Fleet Industrial Supply Center.

At DLA Land and Maritime, he will oversee about 725 employees involved primarily in suppy planning, acquisition and product configuration support for about 1.7 million items.

Shred Day is Nov. 15 on DSCC installation

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office on the DSCC installation will celebrate America Recycles Day with its second annual Shred Day event on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 6:30-9:30 a.m. near the tennis courts behind the Building 20 north parking lot.

The event is free to all associates who work on the DSCC installation and provides an opportunity for bulk document shredding with easy drive up and drop off and free give-aways.

America Recycles Day is a national campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and buying products made with recycled materials.

For more information, call 614-692-1420 or go to www.dsccmwr.com/recyling.

Panetta congratulates DLA on 50 years of service

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta congratulated the staff of the Defense Logistics Agency on the agency's 50th anniversary in an Oct. 4 letter to DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson.

"Since its founding in 1961 at the height of the Cold War, the Defense Logistics Agency has provided unwavering support to the nation's warfighters," Panetta wrote.

In addition to the numerous missions the agency has performed in its half century of existence, Panetta highlighted its support to recent combat operations and humanitarian relief efforts.

Panetta wrote that DLA's efforts to evolve and grow to meet the Defense Department's needs ensure "a lasting legacy for future generations."

It's A Date

November 2011

• AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
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. 18 – DLA Director Change of Command ceremony, DLA Headquarters
NOV. 21 – FEA Leadership Conference, Quest Business Center
NOV. 24 – Thanksgiving
NOV. 30 – DEC. 2 – Senior leader off-site, DLA Land and Maritime

December 2011

• NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH
• UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH
DEC. 1 – AIDS Awareness Day
DEC. 2 – DSCC Commander's Holiday Ball, 6 p.m.-Midnight, Villa Milano Restaurant and Conference Center
DEC. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
DEC. 10 – Human Rights Day

Chili cook-off raises funds for CFC

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Management and program assistant Anita Marinello claimed first place in the Business Process Support directorate's chili cook-off fundraiser held Oct. 25 to benefit CFC. Gary Guggenbiller claimed second place. Judges for the event, which raised $561.75 for the CFC's undesignated fund, were (from left) Todd Lewis, director of Business Process Support, Mike Jones, customer support chief in the Readiness and Business Operations directorate, Bernie Miesse and Michael Morouse. The DLA Land and Maritime CFC is continuing and associates who would like to donate or need more information can call Jill Sturgill at 614-692-3771.

CITY OF COLUMBUS PHOTO

Associates help at-risk vets get helping hand

There are more than 110,000 military veterans in the Columbus area and a percentage of those are homeless, disabled or at-risk. For this segment of the veteran population, various service agencies in central Ohio came together Oct. 18 to provide a free resource fair, Columbus Stand Down 2011, held at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial. The vets were given free medical services, legal services, haircuts, blankets and clothing in addition to a hot lunch. Several veteran organizations provided information on available benefits and entitlements. Among the volunteers offering a helping hand were DLA Land and Maritime associates Missy Collinsworth, John Shirley, Brian Wilson, Jennifer Deskins, Donna Mills and Darren Young.

PHOTO COURTESY OF YOLANDA BROWN-HARRIS

Local BIG members participate in 'Walk for Education'

Members of the Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks in Government from the DSCC installation participated in the 28th Annual UNCF "Walk for Education" through the historic King Lincoln district of Columbus. Participants included (from left) Myra Williams, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, Josephine Bates, Foronda Hall, Rosie Worles-Gentry, Yolanda Brown-Harris, Gretchen Shivers, Jeffery Tunstall and Sondra Grant.

Thank Yous

I would like to thank DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, the Civilian Welfare Council and my co-workers and friends in QM, along with the former Maritime CAT Team, for their expressions of sympathy and support as well as donations to the VFW following the passing of my father. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Henry Crowell
DLA Land and Maritime

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

Obituaries

Mary K. Floyd

Mary K. Floyd, 81, died Oct. 16. Ms. Floyd was retired from DESC with 38 years of service.

Marilyn Eugenia Grierson

Marilyn Eugenia Grierson, 78, of Kettering, Ohio, died Oct. 19 at her home. Ms. Grierson was a former employee of DESC, where she was named Secretary of the Year numerous years.

Arthur F. Ingram

Arthur F. Ingram, 89, of Shelby, Ohio, died Oct. 26. Mr. Ingram was a U.S. Army combat veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC after 31 years of federal service.

Wayne T. Mahaffey

Wayne T. Mahaffey, 77, of Westerville, died Oct. 30. Mr. Mahaffey was retired from DCSC after 40 years of service.

Emma L. Rickey

Emma L. Rickey, 76, of Riverside, died October 21. Ms. Rickey was retired from DESC after 37 years of service.

William C. Trauger

William C. Trauger, 80, died Oct. 31 at his residence. Mr. Trauger was retired from DESC after many years of service.

James Robert York

James Robert York, 85, of Columbus died Oct. 21. Mr. York was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict and retired from DCSC in 1984.

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enhanced performance and closer integration with joint forces that remain the DLA standard today," Thompson said.

Logistics and its practitioners are the most critical factors to mission success, Straw said. He described the end of the first Gulf War in 1991, when former President George H. W. Bush said the victory of Desert Storm belonged as much to logisticians as it did warfighters.

"And while we are all very proud of the (Defense Department's) logistics performance in that war, we knew that this logistics success was driven by moving mountains of inventory by thousands of support troops, because we did not have the technological nor front-line logistics organizational capabilities to do our job more efficiently," he said.

When DLA was established in 1961 as the Defense Supply Agency, its mission was to manage and store consumable items used by more than one service. The intent was to make logistics support more efficient through consolidated management and leveraged buying power, Straw said. The agency's role eventually expanded to include areas like fuel and material disposal, so DoD renamed the agency the Defense Logistics Agency in 1977.

"Radical" developments in the late '80s and early '90s put DLA in closer contact with customers, Straw said. Defense Management Review Decisions realigned the services' primary distribution services under DLA, for example, and also expanded the agency's role as an inventory manager and cataloger for service-unique consumable spare parts.

"As has been for 50 years, DLA's people did not shrink from the massive DMRD challenges. Instead, they capitalized on them as new opportunities to better serve the department and its warfighters and to save taxpayer dollars," Straw continued.

The agency has continued to evolve in the past decade, Straw said, citing the DLA 21 Strategic Plan as the underpinning to meet the logistics support needs of the 21st century. DLA also was the first DoD agency to successfully implement an enterprise resource planning system, called the Enterprise Business System, which integrates business functions, resources and information from shared data stores into one system.

"EBS is arguably the best ERP implementation in DoD ... and is proving its value in supporting financial savings, inventory reduction and readiness improvements," Straw said.

Base Realignment and Closure 2005 decisions gave DLA the additional tasks of direct inventory management and distribution responsibility for key industrial activities like naval shipyards and air logistics centers.

"Last and most recently, the agency has been a major player in DoD's evolving efficiency efforts by improving inventory positioning around the world," Straw added.

DLA's strength is ultimately in its people, he continued.

"The civilian staff – at all levels, in both the field and headquarters – has always been superb. This experienced civilian workforce brings strong skills and deep commitment. Coupled with the talented, field-experienced military (personnel) assigned to DLA, they become a world-class team of logisticians," he said.

Refreshing the agency's aging workforce, keeping up with technology changes and preventing counterfeit parts from entering the supply chain are a few of the challenges Straw said the agency will face in the near future. Meeting heavy industrial support requirements as equipment returns from Iraq and eventually Afghanistan will be another challenge. But possibly the biggest challenge, he said, will be operating under the severe fiscal constraints that lie ahead for DoD.

"But I am confident that DLA will successfully meet its challenges," he added. "It's in your DNA to do so, and I have the greatest faith that you will continue to uphold the traditions of this outstanding organization."

Career

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years at the Warren location, including about six years at the missile plant in Sterling Heights, Mich. But the next time that alarm clock rings at 4 a.m. things will be different.

"I'll put my hand on that thing (alarm), turn it off and go back to sleep," said Bruce. "I won't set it again."

It will be the end to years of arriving at work at 7 a.m., miles of business traveling, and other headaches.

"It's going to be kind of easy to lay off a few days," said Bruce. "I think for the first six months or so, I'll just get some rest and then do a little traveling. Then I plan to take it one day at a time."

"He leaves behind a legacy of acquisition excellence that will never be matched," said Ellen Dennis, director, Procurement Operations, DLA Land Warren. Bruce spent the majority of his career as a division chief in the TACOM contracting center and is currently the longest serving active employee in the Army, and the third longest serving active employee overall, she said.

His honors include Secretary of the Army Award for Outstanding Achievement in Material Acquisition (1975), Commander's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service (1983), Meritorious Civilian Service Award (1990), Achievement Medal for Superior Civilian Service (1991), Superior Civilian Service Award (1992), Commander's Award for Civilian Service (1999) and Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Service (2002), as well as numerous commander's coins and certificates.

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DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Instructor Natasha Pongonis, a native of Argentina who is fluent in four languages, speaks on "The Power of Social Media" during an Oct. 11 workshop in the Building 20 Buckeye Room.

Workshop focuses on social media

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

The first workshop in the "Professional Enhancement Series" provided an overview of the positive and negative aspects of social media.

"The Power of Social Media," held Oct. 11 as part of the DLA Land and Maritime Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, explained social media, security settings to protect yourself, and the do's and don'ts of personal and professional profiles.

Instructor Natasha Pongonis, a native of Argentina who is fluent in four languages, has been the social media director at DK Web Consulting since 2009. The company's mission is to provide clients with modern and creative web solutions in a sustainable way.

Pongonis said the term "social media" refers to the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into an interactive dialogue.

Social media and networking has become a diverse tool and can be accessed by anyone, she said, noting that one person can post or share information and share it with hundreds, even thousands, of people across the world in a matter of seconds. Three out of four people in America use social media technology.

Some of the most popular social media forums are Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Google+. Other social media forums include Que Pasa, Orkut, Hi5, MiGente and Batanga.

"Social media channels offers good opportunities to interact with people and build relationships largely due to the real time, interactive nature," she said. "Everyone can communicate information in a flash, regardless of geographical location."

Pongonis said Hispanics are a very social group with high usage of social media, with 61 percent of U.S. Hispanics online. She said Hispanics are 14.5 percent of the total online market and that 19 percent of U.S. Hispanics are Twitter users and 54.2 percent of Hispanics online regularly use Facebook.

During the workshop, Pongonis mentioned that 57 percent of Hispanics learn more about brands, compare prices and make final decisions online compared to 43 percent of the general market. The purchasing power of the U.S. Hispanic market is

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Brake is Associate of Month

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

Deborah Brake, a DLA Installation Support at Columbus management and program analyst, has been honored by her organization as Associate of the Month for September.

Brake has worked at DSCC for three years after serving 22 years of active duty with the Ohio Air National Guard at the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio. She retired from active duty in January 2008 as an E-8 non-commissioned officer and intelligence specialist superintendent.

A graduate of Sandusky High School in her native Sandusky, Ohio, she earned an associate degree in intelligence-communications applications technology from the Community College of the Air Force. Additionally, she studied history and philosophy at Ashland University.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn presents the Associate of the Month award for September to Deborah Brake, a management and program analyst.

In her job as management and program analyst, Brake has developed a linked spreadsheet that tracks her division's budget down to the penny. She can provide financial updates within minutes, and routinely provides input to the Business Office regarding the Monthly Obligation Plan (MOP) and Program Budget Review (PBR) submissions.

Her knowledge of the budget, contract funding and billing processes makes her an invaluable member of the DES-C team, according to facility engineer Ronald C. Dashner.

Throughout fiscal 2011, Brake has coordinated with customers and procurement, and provided proper funding for timely contract awards. According to Dashner, Brake has maintained meticulous tracking of several fund types, and is always ready to provide the remaining balance of each and offered alternate recommendations for funding contracts when a particular fund was depleted.

She routinely coordinates her work and reports with various groups and offices, including DLA Contracting Services Office Columbus, DLA Headquarters Business Office, the DS-FC Business Office, and the local budget office, J8 Columbus. According to Dashner, Brake continues to perform an excellent job in analyzing and finding discrepancies in disbursements and obligations before working with these groups to come to a resolution.

Navy, AF officers arrive at DLA Land and Maritime to lead support effort

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

Two military officers have arrived at DLA Land and Maritime recently to lead important components of DLA Land and Maritime's support to America's warfighters.

Navy Capt. Rachel Fant arrived in Columbus in September to lead the Maritime Customer Operations directorate while Air Force Col. Christine Erlewine became director of Land Supplier Operations in mid-June.

Fant, a Navy officer with 23 years of experience in the service, arrived from U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., where she worked three years as a joint logistics planner.

"I coordinated combined and joint logistics concepts of support for associated crisis action and deliberate planning and ensured the logistics capabilities directly supported the operational requirements," she said.

As director of Maritime Customer Operations, Fant oversees about 110 associates in Columbus and at customer sites who work predominantly with Navy and foreign military customers to make sure they receive spare parts and other support they need.

Fant, a native of Iowa, comes from a family steeped in military service. Two older brothers enlisted in the Navy and one also served in the Army; her grandfather also served in the Army Air Corps in World War I. She graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1989 before her first assignment as a disbursing officer aboard the submarine tender USS McKee (AS-41).

Since arriving in Columbus, Fant has a new appreciation for the global support provided by DLA. She has been extremely impressed with the dedication of the DLA Land and Maritime workforce.

"I enjoy the focus on support for the fleet and the warfighter, and the collaborative environment involved in that support," she said. "I really like the energy and focus on fleet issues and the relationship building with our customers."

From her first few assignments as a supply officer to now working for DLA, Fant said she "feels like I've come full circle" on the supply chain effort to support the warfighter.

Fant has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Graceland College in Iowa and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia.

DLA PHOTO BY TONY D'ELIA

Air Force Col. Christine Erlewine became director of Land Supplier Operations in mid-June and recently deployed for six months to Camp Arifjan to serve as DLA Support Team Commander for Kuwait.

DLA PHOTO BY DAN BENDER

Navy Capt. Rachel Fant is the new director of Maritime Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime. She came to Columbus from U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., where she was a joint logistics planner.

Her husband, Donald, is retired from the Navy after 23 years of service. Her hobbies away from work include spending time with her husband and 11-year-old daughter, running, volleyball and riding her motorcycle.

As director of Land Supplier Operations, Erlewine oversees the procurement and management of more than 385,000 repair parts worldwide with a budget exceeding $2.3 billion.

At DLA Land and Maritime for a mere five months, she's already hit the road on her first DLA deployment. Erlewine recently departed for a six-month assignment at Camp Arifjan to serve as DLA Support Team Commander for Kuwait. It's the second tour to Kuwait for Erlewine, who, during her 22-year military career, has also had foreign assignments in Italy, Germany, Guantanamo Bay and the United Arab Emirates.

Erlewine came to Land and Maritime after spending a year at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where she earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. It's her second post-graduate degree. Erlewine also has a master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut.

Before her year at the U.S. Naval War College, she served at the Pentagon as executive officer to the Air Force director of Resource Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support. That assignment included a 100-day deployment to Headquarters, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla., where she served in Operation Unified Response, the Haiti earthquake relief effort, in early 2010.

Erlewine has been a customer of DLA, but she says this is her first assignment as a DLA supplier. The Long Island, N.Y., native said this of DLA Land and Maritime:

"It's a great place and the people are very professional. I can see the warfighter focus. It's very evident and that speaks a lot about the employees here."

Armed Services Blood Program

PHOTO BY ARMY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL SWEET

After completing a 24-hour shift, Columbus firefighter Jonathan Hill donates blood Oct. 15 at the 83rd Infantry Division Memorial Army Reserve Center. This was Hill's third time donating blood to the program.

Donations benefit troops in war zones

By Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Carney and Army Staff Sgt. Michael Sweet
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Because of a special program, blood that was collected in central Ohio Oct. 15 soon will be delivered into the hands of combat medics treating troops in Afghanistan.

Caring volunteers of local communities and organizers of the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) gathered at the 83rd Infantry Division Memorial Army Reserve Center beside the DSCC installation on North Yearling Road. The 61 pints of blood that was drawn and stored at the blood drive will soon be sent special delivery to help deployed troops thousands of miles away.

Fitted with high-gauge needles, roll-away gurneys and phlebotomists from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Reserve hall took on the qualities of an efficient blood center as retired military members, college students, firefighters and others waited their turn to give blood.

Carl Land, a World War II combat veteran who served with the 104th Infantry Division in Germany, donated blood only through the Red Cross before learning of the blood for troops program a couple of years ago.

"This is my sixth or seventh time here, but I gave 18 gallons to the Red Cross before I could give blood here," said Land, 85. "I know what it means

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Army comptroller discusses funding issues

By Alita Kay
DLA Finance Columbus

Military auditors and finance experts on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation had an opportunity to hear from the U.S. Army's comptroller during an Oct. 25 breakfast event.

Mary Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, discussed "Army Financial Management: Managing the Process" at the event, which was sponsored by the local Buckeye Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Conference Center.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Mary Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, speaks as DLA Finance Columbus director Oscar N. Mitchell Jr. (center) and deputy director Janet Bunnell (left) listen.

Matiella spoke of the Army's deficit reduction plan, as well as the deployment schedule and auditability status of its General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS). She also discussed the Secretary of Defense's proposed acceleration of auditability timelines and what auditability of the Statement of Budgetary Resources would entail.

Finally, she spoke of the challenges of transitioning data and business functions from DoD systems to GFEBS, partnering effectively with service providers, and in identifying and maintaining the critical competencies needed by our current and future financial management workforce.

Leaders of the ASMC Buckeye Chapter and DFAS senior managers were delighted to have Matiella as an honored guest speaker.

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projected to reach $1.3 trillion by 2015, she added.

Pongonis said there are a lot of advantages in the use of social media, but added that people need to be "extremely careful" about the type of information they provide or share in social media websites. She told audience members to think before posting anything in any of the social media forums and recommended they create separate private and professional accounts, don't share too much personal information, build quality relationships and respect the web community.

DSCC MWR marketing manager Jennifer Russell said she tries to stay on the cutting edge of social media trends.

"We were the first DLA MWR site to have a fully functional Facebook page. Now we have over 400 'likes' and are continuing to grow," she said.

"Social media has served us very well; we use it every day to get new information out to our associates," said MWR Office marketing assistant Dana Thornbury, who spoke briefly at the seminar about MWR's social media outreach efforts.

The workshop series is an initiative of the DLA Columbus EEO Hispanic Employment Program (HEP) and the Morale, Welfare and Recreational (MWR) Office to help DLA associates achieve their professional goals.

A seminar on "Choosing Words Effectively" is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2012 in the Buckeye Room with HEP manager Maria Buch Castillo. This workshop will focus on techniques to improve word choice.

DLA associates interested in participating in these seminars can register online at www.dsccmwr.com/seminar. There is a limit of 60 people per seminar. For more information about the workshop series, call Castillo at 614-692-9704 or MWR Relocation Assistance Program manager Lisa Passalacqua at 614-692-7220.

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to need blood. I was not wounded, but I lost some good friends; soldiers should not have to worry if the medics have blood when they are wounded."

The first ASBP blood drive opened to the public took place in 2007 in Columbus, Ohio. Since then, nearly 2,000 pints have been collected in central Ohio.

The ASBP is the only agency in the United States that collects and distributes blood products exclusively for the military. It has 22 centers that collect blood primarily from military members to supply the needs of the military.

Civilian participation is an important part of this unique effort, which is a joint endeavor between the ASBP center at Wright-Patterson AFB, the Army Reserve and the 12th District Council of the American Legion.

"My brother told me that the Army has to buy blood from the Red Cross," said Jonathan Hill, a Columbus firefighter. "I just thought, 'If you guys (the military) needed blood, you just got it.'"

Just off of a 24-hour shift and still in his firefighter uniform, Hill pumped a little rubber ball in his hand to help keep the blood flowing into a sterile plastic bag set under his gurney.

"Wounded soldiers shouldn't have to buy blood, they pay for it with their lives every day," Hill said.

Many of the donors this day are civilians who had different occupations at one time. Covering gray and balding heads, ball caps denoting military service in past wars, and service on Navy ships, for example, provide a quick history of the donors waiting in line.

Because of health issues, prior deployments and former overseas duty stations, about 45 percent of active military members do not qualify to give blood. That fact is a primary reason ASBP organizers allow civilians a chance to participate, thus helping add to the blood stock needed overseas.

"This is one of the few places in the country where the general public can come in and donate to the military," said Peter Margaritis, commander of the 12th District Council of the American Legion. "Under the old Department of Defense policy, even veterans could not donate blood directly for use by the troops."

Today, the ASBP center at Wright-Patterson AFB is responsible for the eastern Midwest part of the country. A blood donor team from the 88th Medical Group assists in the program.

"We travel in a 300- to 400-mile radius around Wright-Patterson, up to 21 times a month and collect about 600 units a month to ship overseas," said Staff Sgt. Josephine Roopnarine, donor center noncommissioned officer-in-charge, 88th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, 88th Medical Group.

One unit of blood is equal to one pint. At least two blood derivatives can be obtained from each unit of blood, including platelets, so one pint has the potential to save three lives, according to Roopnarine.

"The donor centers are still active. The need is still there, we still need the blood," Roopnarine said.

Veterans and civil servants were not the only ones in attendance. Concerned citizens and family members of service members also lined up to donate blood that would be transported directly to the battlefield.

"My nephew just got back from Afghanistan," said Jane Kelly, wearing a red USMC T-shirt.

Kelly, like many of the donors, return regularly to help keep the blood supplies healthy in war zones, and some even build friendships with the friendly technicians who work the blood drives.

"You had me last time," said Alanna Toney, an Ohio State University psychology major, to the smiling Prudence Mundy, a civilian phlebotomist with the 88th Medical Group. "Last time I passed out, but this time I am drinking my juice."

At the end of the day, the 61 pints were boxed up and loaded so they could be transported to Wright-Patterson, where in a few days the load would later be flown to an Air Force base in New Jersey for shipment to Afghanistan.

But, the hard work was done already.

"We had a good turnout today," said Margaritis. "They are giving something that literally comes from the heart, the gift of blood."

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DSCC installation wins energy, water management award

By Tony D'Elia
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DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn and installation energy manager Steve Webster were recently recognized by the Department of Energy for efforts to conserve energy on the installation.

The Defense Supply Center Columbus installation was recognized with the DOE's Federal Energy and Water Management Award Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C.

Former associate Barbara Palincsar was also part of the winning DSCC team, which is credited with "cultivating comprehensive strategies that have translated into real policy and infrastructure change to tailor energy saving concepts to the specific needs of its customers."

The DOE said that the team also "established an excellent climate of internal energy awareness and conservation by implementing efficiency guidelines into daily activities and providing easy and effective ways for employees to contribute."

DOE noted that the installation installed energy-efficient equipment and implemented aggressive energy conservation technologies. Those technologies included computerized HVAC scheduling and free cooling systems.

The DOE also noted that as a result of a multi-faceted program, Columbus reduced energy and water consumption by a record 7 percent while reducing vehicle fuel use by 29 percent from the previous year (almost a $347,000 savings). Those efforts are expected to reduce equivalent carbon dioxide emissions by more than 39,000 metric tons annually.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PHOTO

DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn (left) and installation energy manager Steve Webster hold the Department of Energy Federal Energy and Water Management Award they received Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C.

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but also in all employees. The profit is the outcome in which talented employees provide support to their country, to their constituents, to their customers and to the warfighter, Peterson said.

There are many disabilities and because everyone is not disabled in a physical way, we also need to be aware of mental disabilities from which some people suffer, she added.

This year's theme honors the contributions of workers with disabilities and serves to inform the public that they represent a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy.

The effort to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment began in 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

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