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Pre-deployment visits



DLA PHOTO BY NAVY LT. CMDR. MELINDA JOHNSON

Kay Adams (left) and Marina Matos (second from right), both customer account specialists in Maritime Customer Operations, listen as USS Makin Island (LHD 8) crew members explain the ship's operations and support needs during their visit to San Diego at the end of October.

Meetings help with warfighter support

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

Recent face-to-face visits to customers they support will enable associates in Maritime Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime to improve support to their Navy customers.

Six associates have traveled to various customer sites with division chief Navy Lt. Cmdr. Melinda Johnson to meet directly with their customers and gain a better understanding of their support needs.

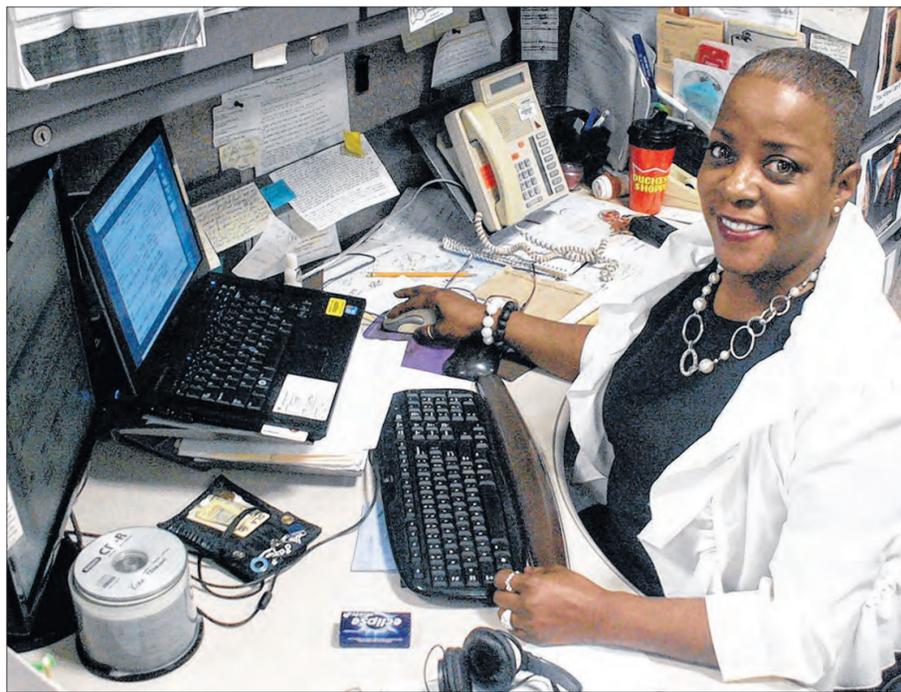
Customer account specialists Marina Matos and Kay Adams traveled to San Diego Oct. 26-28 with Johnson and were able to meet Navy customers with whom they interact on a regular basis.

"I'm not sure who was more excited to meet the other," Matos said. "The crew members we met were very accommodating and they wanted to help us understand the issues that they face. It was definitely worth it."

Matos, who supports

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DLA associate extra thankful after beating lung cancer



DLA PHOTO BY DAN BENDER

Robin Skinner, a resolution specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations, is back at work after a successful battle against lung cancer, giving her reason to be even more thankful this Thanksgiving.

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime associate Robin Skinner has extra reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving after surviving a bout with lung cancer this year.

Skinner, a resolution specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations, is back at work after an 11-month odyssey that began when an X-ray during a routine exam on Jan. 11 showed a spot on one of her lungs.

"That was the day I quit smoking," said Skinner, who had smoked cigarettes for 40 years.

A biopsy in February confirmed that she had adenocarcinoma, or Stage 2 lung cancer; Skinner had surgery in May to remove a portion of her lung and she endured four rounds of chemotherapy and

months of physical therapy in her successful battle against the cancer.

The ordeal has given Skinner a new perspective on life.

"Don't take life for granted," said Skinner, who has three grown children and four grandchildren. "It can be taken from you at any moment."

"It's like a new beginning for me. There are some new things I have to learn to take care of myself."

She now urges people to pay attention to their body and what it is telling them when it comes to their health.

"Your body will alert you if something is wrong; you just have to pay attention," she said.

Skinner, who has worked at DLA Land and Maritime for 20 years, had all of her surgery and treatments done at OSU Medical Center, which selected her to participate in a

video that focused on an ongoing study into a blood test that can detect the presence of lung cancer up to two years before tumors show up on a CT scan.

Although Skinner was not part of the study, she was interviewed in October for the OSU video because of her successful battle against lung cancer.

The OSU video caught the attention of NBC Channel 4 health reporter Ellie Merritt, who did a story on the OSU study and also interviewed Skinner for her story, which aired Nov. 10.

Skinner said the interview process for both stories was interesting; she thanked Merritt for selecting her as the face for her story.

"It was the happiest day," she said in the story of the day she was declared cancer-free. "I really do feel like I'm born again."



DLA PHOTO BY TONY D'ELIA

Rick Curry is the new security manager for DLA Installation Support at Columbus Security and Emergency Services on the DSCC installation. He takes over for John Yinger, who retired earlier this year.

New security manager for installation selected

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

In recent weeks, Richard Curry has traveled to locations in Richmond, Va., Susquehanna, Pa., and DLA headquarters to get ideas on how his 111-person emergency services division should operate in the future at Defense Supply Center Columbus.

"I met with my counterparts and that gave me a unique insight to hopefully give the organization the way ahead," said Curry, who started in late August as security manager, Security and Emergency Services, DLA Installation Support at Columbus. He replaces John Yinger, who retired earlier this year.

"A lot of things were (already) being done very well," he said about the installation that is a workplace for 8,000 civilian and military personnel.

The Cincinnati native served as an Army colonel in Iraq before retiring in 2005. At Forward Operating Base Endurance in the northern part of the country, he served as commander with two police forces (a military and a civilian force) and two fire departments under him.

"I have an idea of how to run a large organization," said Curry, who earlier in his career was responsible for taking a brigade of 3,700 personnel to Iraq.

The cavalry officer served as a battalion commander in Kuwait, and as a brigade and company commander in Iraq. He also took assignments in Korea and Germany.

After 30 years in the Army, Curry retired and took a job as a contractor working with DLA Land Customer Operations looking for ways to efficiently support the MRAP fleet.

Today he's looking for

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Williams speaks at Columbus Veterans' Day ceremony

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams speaks to the audience during the Nov. 10 Veterans Day ceremony in Columbus City Council chambers. Among the local dignitaries present were (seated on right), Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman and Medal of Honor recipient Ron Rossler. Seated behind Williams on the left is DLA Land and Maritime associate and Army Maj. (Ret.) Dan Law, who provided the benediction. After the ceremony, Williams joined other local dignitaries on the viewing stand outside City Hall for the Columbus Veterans Day parade.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Point of View

Emotional intelligence plays key role in healthy relationships with others

By Robert L. Boggs
DLA Land and Maritime
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“If your emotional abilities aren’t in hand, if you don’t have self-awareness, if you are not able to manage your distressing emotions, if you can’t have empathy and have effective relationships, then no matter how smart you are, you are not going to get very far.”

— Daniel Goleman

There is a direct connection between emotions and relationship management. If relationship management was Intelligence Quotient (IQ) driven, the smartest among us would also be the very best at relationship management and we know that isn’t the case. The real connection to relationship management comes to us through our Emotional Intelligence.

Emotional Intelligence describes an ability or capacity to perceive and assess our emotions and the emotions of others. Emotions have the



Robert L. Boggs

potential to help or hinder our relationships. This makes sense when we understand that our emotions are rooted in core feelings such as happiness, sadness, anger, fear and shame.

Our actions can and are often dictated by the intensity of our emotions. Studies have shown that the majority of people are typically controlled by their emotions. Bradberry and Greaves in their book “Emotional Intelligence 2.0” point out that Emotional Intelligence accounts for 58 percent of our performance in all types of jobs with a positive link to earnings.

Emotional Intelligence is based upon personal and social competencies. Personal competence focuses on the individual and awareness of their emotions and their ability to manage both behaviors and tendencies.

Those who can accurately perceive their own emo-

tions and understand their tendencies across situations are said to be self-aware. Being self-aware means we understand why we do the things we do. Studies show that self-awareness leads to increased satisfaction with life and an increased likelihood of reaching personal goals

Are you the same person you were one, five or 10 years ago? Probably not. The self-awareness journey we are on requires honest self-reflection and courage. The self-awareness journey has been compared to peeling back the layers of an onion. Each layer leads us to a better understanding of who we are. Once we know who we are, we can then begin to better know and understand others.

We become aware of our emotions by paying attention to our physical reaction to emotional events. Why do we react the way we do? According to Bradberry and Greaves, the following partial list of techniques can move us towards greater self-awareness:

- Quit treating your feelings as good or bad;
- Observe the ripple effect from your emotions;
- Feel your emotions physically;
- Know who and what pushes your buttons;
- Keep a journal about your emotions;
- Stop and ask yourself why you do the things you do;
- Visit your values;
- Seek feedback; and
- Get to know yourself under stress.

Social competence focuses on our ability to understand other people’s moods, behaviors and motives in order to improve the quality of our relationships. To be socially competent we must have social awareness. This is our ability to accurately pick up on emotions in other people and understand what is really going on with them. This often means perceiving what other people are thinking and feeling even if we do not feel the same way.

Social awareness is the skill

to recognize and understand the moods of other individuals and entire groups of people. Instead of looking inward to learn about and understand our self, social awareness is looking outward to learn about and appreciate others. Social awareness provides a more accurate view of our surroundings, which affects everything from relationships to the bottom line.

Bradberry and Greaves provide the following strategies for greater social awareness: Greet People by Name, Watch Body Language, Watch EQ at the Movies, Practice the Art of Listening, Understand the Rules of the Culture Game, Step Into Their Shoes, Seek the Whole Picture and Catch the Mood of the Room.

We can increase our Emotional Intelligence through awareness and improvement efforts. Being aware of our emotions and the emotions of others increases the likelihood of successful and mutually beneficial relationships.

Obituaries

Roy G. Bentley

Roy G. Bentley, 79, of Heath, died Nov. 7 at his residence. Mr. Bentley was a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran and a former Newark Air Force Base associate.

William M. “Shack” Heyward

William M. “Shack” Heyward, 94, of Dayton, died Nov. 6. Mr. Heyward served in the U. S. Air Force as a Tuskegee Airman and retired from DESC in 1981.

Cynthia “Cindy” Linda Melczek

Cynthia “Cindy” Linda Melczek, 57, died Nov. 2 at her residence. Ms. Melczek was employed at DSCC as an instructor in the Intern Center of the Human Performance Division.

Edward P. Mills

Edward P. Mills, 74, of Heath, died Nov. 8 at the Newark Healthcare Centre. Mr. Mills retired from Defense Finance and Accounting Service in 1999.

Vonda D. (Sewell) “Vonnie” Richey

Vonda D. (Sewell) “Vonnie” Richey, 74, of Dayton died Oct. 29 at her residence. Ms. Richey was retired from Wright-Patterson AFB and also worked at DESC.

Ida Louise Worstell

Ida Louise Worstell, 66, died Nov. 8 at the Selma Markovitz Hospice Center. Ms. Worstell was a long-time cafeteria employee at Newark Air Force Base.

Thank You

We would like to thank DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson, Mr. Brad Bunn and all of our friend and co-workers for all the support, prayers, kind words and flowers upon the passing of my mother, Mildred Bolyard. Our family was touched by all of the kindness that was shown during this difficult time; words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness was appreciated and touched our hearts.

Nora Stiffler and family
DHRS-C

I wish to express my thanks to my friends and co-workers at DSCC for their prayers and support in the loss of my mother, Carolyn Lanham. A special thanks goes out to the Civilian Welfare Fund and DSCC-FMSE for the flowers and cards. The many acts of love and support through this difficult time will be long remembered and appreciated.

Carla J. Smock
DLA Land and Maritime

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank everyone on the DSCC installation and at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the passing of our father and father-in-law, Leopoldo Castillo. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Leo and Maria Castillo
J6C

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Carnevale selected DISA Associate of the Quarter



DISA PHOTO BY SARA DOWNING

Tracy Carnevale (left) receives the DISA Columbus Associate of the Quarter award from site director Rob Reed. Carnevale is a student trainee in the Operations Support Branch of the Global Information Grid Infrastructure Services Management Center within DISA Columbus. She’s been with DISA for five years.



Flu shots provided to employees on installation

Melanie Everhart of U.S. HealthWorks Medical Group, the new DSCC installation medical services contractor, prepares an influenza vaccination for use during the first day of flu shots in the Building 20 basement. Flu shots were also administered in Building 11 and Building 21. Free flu vaccines for the 2011-12 season were available for employees of DLA organizations and installation tenants currently covered by the medical services contract. Vaccinations were administered by U.S. HealthWorks’ medical professionals. More information about the flu shots is available by calling Kara Mettelle of the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office at 614-692-3964. Anyone who has medical questions concerning the vaccine can call Eric Jenkins of U.S. HealthWorks Columbus West at 614-850-1476.

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Briefs

DoD agency seeking award nominations

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the DoD’s highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members.

The DoD encourages all Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 16, 2012.

The 2012 recipients will be announced by early summer and honored in Washington, D.C., during a special ceremony early next fall.

It’s A Date

November 2011

- AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
- NOV. 24 – Thanksgiving
- NOV. 29 – AbilityOne Day ceremony, 8 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
- 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 Installation Commander’s Holiday Ball, 6 p.m.–midnight, Villa Milano Restaurant and Conference Center
- DEC. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- DEC. 10 – Human Rights Day
- DEC. 21 – Hanukkah begins
- DEC. 21 – First day of winter
- DEC. 25 – Christmas Day
- DEC. 31 – New Year’s Eve

Winter gear drive continuing until Dec. 5

A ‘Winter Gear Collection’ for students at Broadleigh Elementary School, DLA Land and Maritime’s partner school, is continuing until Dec. 5. Some of the items requested are stocking caps/hats, ear muffs,

mittens/gloves, sweaters, socks, coats, tissues, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Collection boxes will be located in each of the first floor elevator lobbies of Building 20 on the DSCC installation. For more information, call Dianne Vehorn at 614-692-6075.

'Tis the Season holiday promotion begins soon

Contributed story

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office's 'Tis the Season holiday promotion includes ticket sales for three local events, a holiday shopping bazaar, a raffle, a "find Santa" contest, presentations on holidays around the world, and a holiday reception at the 19th Hole.

Starting Nov. 28, associates can search the MWR website (www.dsccmwr.com) for Santa to win a daily prize. Associates can also register for a drawing to win a \$50 off coupon for a holiday tree purchase at a local tree farm.

Ticket specials will be available for the Columbus Zoo Wildlights (Dec. 7), a Blue Jackets game (Dec. 10

versus Boston) and ice skating at the Chiller-Easton (Dec. 11).

A holiday village shopping bazaar is slated for Dec. 8 and 9 in the Building 20 Buckeye/Cardinal rooms, while Dec. 13-15 brings "Holidays Around the World," which includes a free portrait and live entertainment.

The Fitness Center's Dec. 12

"Holiday Burn Aerobathon" will consist of six free fitness classes with free water and fruit and prizes.

Starting at 3:30, there will be a two-hour stationary bike endurance session, as well as cardio and Zumba classes.

Kick boxing starts at 4 p.m., while kettle bell and TRX suspension training is

scheduled for 5 p.m. Pilates and an abs class is slated for 5:30.

The schedule for "Holidays Around the World" will be Dec. 13 in Building 20, Dec. 14 in Building 21 and Dec. 15 in Building 11.

Free appetizers will be available at the Dec. 16 "Holiday Cheers @ the 19th Hole," starting at 4 p.m.

Support

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various classes of amphibious assault and transport ships, was able to meet a supply officer with whom she talks to almost daily and tour the ships she supports to get a better understanding of how her efforts to support her customers' mission impacts them directly.

"Getting to meet and better know the customer was very valuable, along with getting to better understand the ship and how it looks and operates,"

Matos said. "It will help me better understand the job and the value of each part when they have an emergency requisition or when they want to expedite a part.

"It will give me a better understanding of the issues they face."

Adams, who supports the 14 ships in the mine countermeasure platform, said she was able to meet Lt. j.g. Jason Ray, a supply officer for the USS Chief (MCM 14) with whom she interacts often on requisitions.

She was also surprised at how small a mine countermeasure ship is once she saw one

in person.

"It was interesting to see how everything works together on a Navy ship," she said.

While in San Diego, the three women attended a pre-deployment conference for the USS Makin Island (LHD 8), an amphibious assault ship that is leaving for its first deployment this fall.

They met with supply officers and other contacts in various AORs who will be providing support to the USS Makin Island.

Johnson noted that an interesting feature about the Makin Island is that all the other

ships in its class have diesel engines, while it has a gas turbine engine, which will make it faster and more maneuverable.

They also visited the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) and the USS Sterret (DDG 104), in addition to the Chief, whose executive officer is Navy Lt. Micah Murphy, the brother of DLA Land and Maritime associate Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jaime Murphy.

"It was a great opportunity to do some networking and put faces to names," Matos said. "It was really helpful."

Other associates who have

made customer site visits with Johnson are Brian Howell and Russell Dewart, who traveled to Norfolk Naval Station for a pre-deployment brief for the USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) in September, and Matt Smith and Yolanda Ogburn, who traveled to Mayport in July for a Supply Officer Fleet Conference.

"These customer engagement experiences improve our associates' understanding of the customers they support remotely from Columbus," Johnson said. "It helps them provide better support to our Navy warfighters on the front lines."

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Columbus police chief discusses leadership

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

Making the most of opportunities and learning from them can pay off down the road in unexpected ways,



Chief Walter Distelzweig

the chief of the Columbus Division of Police told the audience at a Nov. 2 event sponsored by the Leadership Development Association.

Walter Distelzweig, who became chief of the 16th largest police department in the U.S. in 2009, spoke about his experiences in the Columbus police department and his views on leadership qualities during the event in the Building 20 Buckeye and Cardinal rooms.

Distelzweig has been with the Columbus police department for 38 years, starting as a beat officer in 1972. He oversees 1,827 sworn personnel and 297 civilians. He also served in the Ohio Army National Guard for 21 years and was a UH-1 helicopter pilot. He announced shortly after his appearance at DLA Land and Maritime that he will retire in January.

In noting DLA's theme of "Climbing the Ladder," he said that "when I started with the Columbus police department, I didn't even have a ladder.

"But it's amazing through your career how things change and how opportunities present themselves," he said. In becoming successful, "there's some good timing and luck involved, but you have to recognize opportunities when they appear," he added.

He had been a street cop for 15 years when he applied for a lieutenant's position in the department's business office. The position involved dealing with contracts and all the administrative duties associated with running a police department.

"After awhile, I wondered what I had gotten myself into, but I took that opportunity and I learned from it," he said, adding that he spent about three years in that position before moving on.

The experience in that position paid off when he became a deputy chief in 1998, Distelzweig said.

"I'm a cop, but it's the administrative side of

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Installation celebrates Native American Heritage Month

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

Associates on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation celebrated Native American Heritage Month with the executive director of the American Indian Education Center during a Nov. 15 ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium.

Robert Roche, a member of the Chiracaua Apache tribe, said there are 26,000 Native Americans living in Ohio, according to the U.S. Census, most of them in northeast and central Ohio.

"We kind of blend in in Ohio because we don't have reservations in Ohio," he said, adding that 73 percent of Native Americans don't live on res-



Native American Heritage Month celebration guest speaker Robert Roche holds aloft the traditional "give-away gifts" of a sand painting and a sage smudge stick he received from DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office manager Charles Palmer (right) and Jim Conner of the DFAS EEO Office.

DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

ervations. "We're the invisible people because people don't know what we look like.

"We come in all different sizes, shapes and colors."

There are 565 Native American tribes, or nations, officially recognized in the United States, along with 800 in Canada, he said. Ohio has mem-

bers of five officially recognized tribes living in it, compared to 38 in Oklahoma.

Roche spent a good amount of time answering questions from audience members on subjects such as his involvement in legal efforts to abolish offensive sports team nicknames, Native American

involvement in casinos and how someone can determine if they are of Native American ancestry.

In his opening remarks, DFAS Columbus acting deputy director James Likes pointed out that Native Americans have the highest per capita enlistment rate of any minority group in the military. There are nearly 190,000 Native American veterans in the country, he said.

"We honor those who have served and sacrificed for this country," he said.

Before the celebration ended, DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office manager Charles Palmer and Jim Conner of the DFAS EEO Office presented traditional "give-away gifts" of a sand painting and a sage smudge stick to Roche.

Survivor to speak during DLA's AbilityOne Day

Army master sergeant recovered from near fatal blast

Contributed story

A 2005 road side bomb blast in Iraq forever changed the world of Army Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mittman.

That blast three days after the Fourth of July severely injured the 21-year Army veteran, who lost his left eye, central vision in his right eye, his nose, most of his teeth, and suffered severe injuries to his right arm. At the time, he was serving as an advisor to an Iraqi battalion in this, his third assignment to the war zone.

The retired veteran is now a national account manager for National Industries for the Blind and will speak at DLA Land and Maritime Nov. 29.

On the day of the London terrorist attacks, Mittman was heading down a Baghdad highway off-ramp when his vehicle drove directly into an all-out attack. A roadside bomb sent a projectile through the six-inch-thick bullet-proof window in Mittman's vehicle, which was propelled into a canal. The unconscious Mittman had to be rescued from chest-deep water.

Throughout the next few years, Mittman underwent multiple reconstructive surgeries and rehabilitation, first at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and then in his native Indiana. Realizing that he had to carve out a new career path, Jeffrey started to participate in the Blinded Veterans Association's (BVA) Operation Peer Support program, where he met other veterans who had been blinded while on active duty.

Today, Mittman works to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Army Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mittman (Ret.), a national account manager for National Industries for the Blind, will speak at DLA Land and Maritime's AbilityOne Day event Nov. 29.

increase employment opportunities for others through the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH), also known as AbilityOne.

At DLA Land and Maritime's AbilityOne Day, Mittman will speak to the acquisition and technical communities during a session in the Building 20 auditorium. Video streaming will be available for the auditorium session.

An AbilityOne Workshop Open House will follow until 2 p.m. in the Building 20 Buckeye and Cardinal rooms.

The AbilityOne Program is a federal initiative that helps

people who are blind or have other significant disabilities find employment by working within a national network of more than 600 nonprofit agencies that sell products and services to the U.S. government.

Having traveled all over Europe, South Korea and the Mideast during his military career, Mittman now travels extensively for NIB to help develop strong customer relationships and business opportunities.

"Sometimes people don't understand how someone who is blind can do the project," Mittman once said. "I always

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Marine Corps birthday



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Marine Lt. Col. Todd Jenkins (Ret.), an associate in Operations Support at DLA Land and Maritime, cuts the birthday cake to celebrate the Marine Corps' 236th birthday during a Nov. 4 ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium.

Speaker focuses on giving thanks

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps provides a good opportunity to reflect on the service's heritage, the guest speaker at the DLA Land and Maritime celebration said.

Marine Lt. Col. Todd Jenkins (Ret.), an associate in Operations Support at DLA Land and Maritime, spoke on remembering and giving thanks during a Nov. 4 celebration of the Marine Corps' 236th birthday in the Building 20 auditorium.

"Our birthday is a time to remember our fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice," Jenkins said. He noted the Table of Remembrance set up meticulously on the stage each year for the birthday ceremony by John O'Keefe, a retired Marine in Maritime Customer Operations.

He also mentioned the loss of 22 Marines from central Ohio's Lima Company who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

"These times of remembrance can be just as difficult years later as the day we lost that Marine," he said.

Jenkins expressed his appreciation for the 850 Marines he commanded during his last command in

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MRAP support topic of conference on DSCC installation

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

About 90 representatives from both the Department of Defense and the industrial base traveled to DLA Land and Maritime recently to attend the MRAP Joint Program Office's MRAP Supply Chain Integrated Planning Team (IPT) meeting.

The conference was designed to bring all DoD enterprise logisticians up to speed with current and future Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle activities. Representatives from all five MRAP original equipment manufacturers attend-



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

MRAP Tiger Team member Cris Miranda gives a presentation on MRAP cataloging support at the MRAP Joint Program Office's MRAP Supply Chain Integrated Planning Team meeting held recently at the DFAS Conference Center in Columbus. Miranda is an MRAP project lead and customer support liaison from DLA Logistics Information Service.

ed to include many key suppliers of MRAP parts. Attendees received briefings spanning the

full spectrum of MRAP current and future operations.

Among the major topics were

RESET, fleet upgrades, hybrid support, RCV Update, forecasting, provisioning, and JSSC/DDKA transition.

Joint Program Office integrated logisticians provided updates on existing and planned variant upgrades, MRAP RESET and parts support. DLA provided updates on current sustainment support and MRAP National Stock Number cleansing progress. Association of all MRAP parts to appropriate support personnel is critical to include identification of parts superseded by engineering changes.

The conference was held at the DFAS Conference Center in Columbus.

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2008, when he deployed with Marine Wing Support Squadron 73 to provide security at Camp Al Taqaddum and the surrounding area of operations in Iraq.

"They were self-sacrificing, dedicated individuals who wanted to complete the mission to win the hearts and minds of the local population,"

he said.

Jenkins also expressed his thanks for the "noble and professional men and women who work around the clock to meet their mission" of supporting the Marine Corps each day. He mentioned the Marine Corps support team in Land Customer Operations and individuals such as Master Sgt. Mike Rundle (Ret.), who retired as a civilian from DLA Land and Maritime this year after many years of dedicated

support, including running the Toys for Tots campaign on the DSCC installation every year.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams said the Marines are "an awesome force for our nation."

"I will say there is no finer friend, and no worse foe for our enemy, than a U.S. Marine," he stated.

The ceremony also included the traditional cake cutting. Those participating were Jen-

kins, Gunnery Sgt. Susan Barnett (Ret.), the oldest Marine present, and Pfc. Anthony S. Jordan of Lima Co., 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, the youngest Marine present.

Barnett works at DFAS Columbus and is the wife of DLA Land and Maritime associate Charles Barnett.

The ceremony ended with the playing of the Marine Corps Hymn, after which cake and punch were served in the auditorium lobby.

Chief

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things, like you folks do, that keeps things running," he said.

When it comes to "moving up the ladder," if you practice "ethical, character-driven" leadership in your professional and personal life, "you'll do well," Distelzweig said.

"Doing the right thing has to be a habit," he stated. "There's no right

way to do the wrong thing. It's that simple."

Leadership plays an integral role in getting all the parts of an organization to work together to meet a common goal or mission, he told the audience.

DLA operates much like the Columbus police department, which has 18 bureaus, each with their own role but which work together to accomplish an overall mission, Distelzweig said.

"DLA has a global mission and the units you

work in each have their own mission, but ultimately each unit's mission has to meet the overall global mission," he said. "If not, you need to review what you're doing."

Distelzweig, whose son is an F-16 pilot for the U.S. Air Force stationed in Germany, ended his presentation by thanking DLA associates for what they do to support the warfighter.

"You are making a difference in our military and our country

and keep continuing to make that difference," he said. "Without support staff like you, our troops couldn't do the job they do."

The police chief also answered several questions from the audience before the event ended.

DLA's next event will be a session on "Building Your Foundation: The Importance of Mentor and Mentee Relationships," scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in Building 21.

AbilityOne

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reply, "You didn't know I was blind until I showed up." It turns on a light bulb for them."

Mittman tries to prove the value of NIB's products and services, something he does by researching the prospective customer's needs and taking

them to NIB's local facilities to demonstrate firsthand what employees can do.

Technology has changed work environments, enabling employees to be more productive. Since Mittman has limited use of his right arm, he taught himself to type one-handed and uses assistive devices, such as digital magnifiers and speech recognition soft-

ware, to assist with everyday tasks.

"There's a solution to almost everything. You just have to find it," he says.

DLA and TACOM celebrate an AbilityOne Day in the fall of each year. To learn more about this program, contact Jim Secrist or William Willis in the Office of Small Business Programs at 614-692-3541 or 800-262-3272.

Security

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ways to reorganize for more efficiency in the installation's security and emergency services. One change is the discontinuance of the Department of Defense vehicle decal stickers. Almost 7,000 were issued on the installation this past

year but now police and security will focus on individual passes.

The theory is that stickers reveal the holders' occupation and potentially put them and their vehicles at risk from people opposed to the military, particularly in an era when the country is on alert for domestic terrorists, at war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Another

major factor is the cost associated with administration, manufacturing, issuing and tracking the stickers, Curry said.

Curry graduated from Mount Healthy High School and went on to Youngstown State and the University of New York, where he earned a history degree and considered teaching.

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