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Visit showcases DLA Land and Maritime support of local small businesses

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ABOVE LEFT: Henry Berns Jr., production manager for Guild Associates Inc. in Dublin, Ohio, discusses the company's prototype Energy Efficient Expandable Shelter System with DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and contracting executive Milt Lewis during their Dec. 16 visit to the company. Behind Williams are Sue Pederson (left), a weapon system support manager for the Land Customer Operations Readiness Division, and Office of Small Business Programs director Vikki Hawthorne. ABOVE RIGHT: Berns explains some of the features of the company's Mobile Integrated Remains Collection System unit to DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams. In the background is Land Customer Operations associate John Dreska.

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams expressed his appreciation to employees of a central Ohio business for their support of American's warfighters during a Dec. 16 visit to the company.

Williams, along with contract executive Milt Lewis, Office of Small Business Programs director Vikki Hawthorne and other DLA Land and Maritime employees, spent the afternoon at Guild Associates Inc. in Dublin, Ohio, meeting employees, learning about the company's products and touring the production facility.

"This is part of our outreach efforts to stay connected with what's going on in the business world," Williams said. "You are right down the street from us and you do a great job for us."

An employee-owned company founded in 1981, Guild currently has about 75 employees. Its primary business is biological and chemical engineering and related product development. The main facility and warehouse are in Dublin, but the company also has a biological research facility in Charleston, S.C. The company splits its business about in half between commercial and military products.

Williams and the DLA visitors began the visit by meeting with company officials, including president and chief executive officer Mark Hartman, vice president of marketing and sales Wayne Ballantyne and production manager Henry Berns Jr.

Berns then led a tour of the company's production area for the Mobile Integrated Remains Collection System (MIRCS), Laundry Advanced System (LADS) and Energy Efficient Expandable Shelter System (EEESS), explaining the features of each item.

Guild has worked with the Army's Natick (Massachusetts) Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center since 1991 to develop technology to clean and decontaminate clothing, including garments and accessories that were contaminated with chemical agents.

This summer, the company completed the last of 204 LADS units it produced for the Defense Department at its plant.

The company is currently in contract with Natick to produce 160 MIRCS to provide mortuary service capabilities for the Army throughout the world. Guild's design allows for the storage of 16 sets of remains in addition to space for processing and administrative work.

Sue Pederson, a DLA Land and Maritime weapon system support manager for the Land Customer Operations Readiness Division, said Guild "has been very responsive to our needs. They really get us needed items fast."

At the completion of the tour, Williams said he was "amazed at all the capabilities right

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Michael Criswell is the new manager of the DSCC MWR Fitness Center. He comes to Columbus from Germany, where he oversaw five MWR fitness centers that served about 45,000 military and civilians at the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg.

New gym manager brings ideas to Fitness Center

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

New Orleans native Michael Criswell takes over as manager of the Defense Supply Center Columbus MWR Fitness Center with an Army rucksack full of new ideas for the facility.

The new Fitness Center manager, who worked for the Army MWR in Germany, envisions a complete wellness center designed to encourage civilian employees to improve their health and fitness through exercise and other positive health regimens. Patterned along the lines of the Army model of wellness centers, the facility would offer a number of classes such as courses for smoking cessation and weight control. It would also offer fitness testing.

"The Army has 16 of these centers," says Criswell of his favorite program from his recently developed five-year plan for the Fitness Center. "Our goal is to have a stand-alone

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Holiday tree honors past and present military personnel

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Among the many holiday trees on the DSCC installation is Land Supplier Operation's Holiday Military Tree. The idea of DLA Land and Maritime purchasing agent Bobbie Hill, the tree is dedicated to past and present military personnel who served the nation and the cause of freedom. Gathered around the tree on the fifth floor of Building 20 are (from left) product specialist supervisor Jim Jarvis, who provided the laminating machine for the photos, Suzanne Maginn, a land purchasing agent who constructed the patriotic tree skirt, Hill, who collected photos of military personnel from Land associates, and product specialist Ilka Sierra, who made the ribbons and bows. Jarvis, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, is featured on the tree.

Hundreds partake in festivities at holiday ball

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A crowd of nearly 600 people comprised of military and civilian federal employees who work at Defense Supply Center Columbus and their guests attended the DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball.

The event, held Dec. 2 at the Villa Milano Restaurant in Columbus, was hosted by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams.

It was the first time in more than a decade that an installation-wide holiday ball had been held, and the turnout reflected attendees' anticipation for an opportunity to get together and celebrate. Attendees included representatives from many organizations and agencies on the DSCC installation and senior leaders from DLA Land and Maritime detachments located across the nation who were in Columbus Nov. 30-Dec. 2 for a senior leaders' meeting.

The event featured a night of dining, entertainment and dancing, along with elements of a formal military "dining out," including a color guard and toasts to the various military services and civilian workforce.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and his wife, Myra (center), along with DFAS Columbus site director Jonathan Witter (left), greet some of the nearly 600 attendees at the DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball, held Dec. 2 at the Villa Milano Restaurant in Columbus. The event featured a night of dining, entertainment and dancing, along with elements of a formal military "dining out," for federal employees who work on the DSCC installation and their guests.

One special moment was the reading of the poem "Old Glory" by Williams' aide, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Dunphy, during the posting of the colors for the dining out ceremony.

DLA Land and Maritime associate John Foreman said he and his wife, Carol, a DFAS Columbus employee, had a great time at the ball.

"The excitement and energy of holding an event like this during the holidays is wonderful," he said, noting that it had been awhile since a similar event was held. "The last time anything like this was held on an installation-wide basis was in the 1990s when the event was held at the Macedonia Club in Whitehall."

Dave Johnson, a supervisory staff administrator with the U.S. Army Reserve's 412th Civil Affairs Battal-

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Editor's note: This is the last Voice issue for 2011. The next issue will be Jan. 18, 2012.

Point of View

Good stewardship is a choice, both individually and collectively

Editor's note: *The following essay by Ray Blakely of DLA Land and Maritime finished second in this year's Public Service Recognition contest. The theme of the contest was "Stewardship in the Federal Sector." Winners were recognized at the FEA Leadership Conference. The first-place essay, written by Terri Schulze of DFAS Columbus, appeared in the Dec. 7 issue of the Voice. The third-place essay, written by Kenneth Abrams of DLA Land and Maritime, will appear in the Jan. 18 issue of the Voice.*

By Ray Blakely
DLA Maritime Supplier Operations

Ray Blakely

"Stewardship" — Webster's dictionary defines it as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

From the beginning of our existence, the human species has been tasked to "subdue the earth and all that lies within." Therefore, more than any other living things, people are the primary caretakers of the earth upon which we live.

As the centuries have passed, mankind has come to understand that the idea of stewardship extends to all facets of our lives, from the way we protect our environment and the way we manage our resources to the very way we live our daily lives. Good stewardship is a choice, at both the individual and the collective levels.

In the United States of America, the federal government, by virtue of laws passed by our legislature and executive orders issued by our president, is ultimately responsible for protecting our way of life and preserving our country for future generations. To fulfill that role, every government agency and all federal employees must wisely use the resources entrusted to them by the American people.

I believe there are several actions that federal employees should consider if the federal sector as a whole is to serve not only as good stewards but also as good examples for American citizens.

First, we must make every effort to avoid waste and abuse at all levels of government. Individual employees should be reminded that things that may seem trivial to them such as falsifying a timesheet for only 15 or 20 minutes constitutes an abuse of taxpayer money and can be prosecuted as a criminal action. Government equipment should be adequately maintained to limit repair costs, as well as carefully monitored to insure that it is not misused for an employee's personal benefit.

Sadly, far too many federal employees have developed the attitude that "it doesn't belong to me, so why should I care." Management must not only set the example but should wisely foster an atmosphere of accountability within the workplace. Every federal employee, from the president and members of Congress to the low-grade clerk and wage-grade laborer, should understand the term "public servant," with special emphasis on the idea of "public." Given a total federal workforce in excess of two million people, collectively we have a tremendous impact on the public debt that plays a role in our current and future financial health. Thus it is imperative that we make good stewardship a priority.

Another important thing that must happen is that all government contracts with private industry should always be negotiated and written to protect the best interests of the country, from both a financial and a security perspective. Both sides should be made to understand that frequent audits will be conducted to make sure this happens.

Employees should be reminded that even simple things such as turning off the lights when everyone is out of the building, and dressing appropriately during changing seasons can help conserve energy and result in a substantial savings when one considers the number and size of all federal buildings throughout the country and the world.

Federal employees should also be encouraged to consider options such as carpools and vanpools, or using other various methods of public transportation whenever possible. This can result in a significant reduction in our use of limited energy resources as well as in the amount of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Leadership should continually reinforce the need for employees to pursue healthy lifestyles. The rising cost of health care and the cost of time lost to sick leave amounts to billions of dollars in annual expenditures. Many federal facilities offer gymnasiums and fitness classes; and associates should be encouraged to make use of the facilities and take advantage of the programs.

Stewardship in the federal sector plays a role in the long-term survival of our great country, thus making it critical that we manage the resources we use in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Our actions can make a difference, but it's up to each one of us to give our best effort.

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Level II mentors, mentees recognized at ceremony

A total of 35 mentees and their mentors were recognized recently at the 2011 Level II Mentoring Program Recognition Ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Deputy Commander James McClaugherty both lauded the graduates for their effort and helped with handing out certificates. The Level II Mentoring Program is a nine-month program during which mentees work to complete goals and activities identified in their Mentoring Action Plans (MAPs). In addition to completing their MAPs, some mentees participate on various monthly event teams, the newsletter team or the recognition ceremony team. Participation on these various teams allows the mentees to coordinate events in which they may not have previously had the opportunity.

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Associates recognized for efforts

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams recently recognized six associates for achieving various honors and awards. Pictured with Williams are (from left) Eric Evans, who received a certificate of achievement as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, Marcia Scott, who received a Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages Team Achievement Award for her work on the PEO Aircraft Carrier Obsolescence Management Working Group, DLA Land and Maritime DMSMS and GEM Program manager David G. Robinson, who received the 2011 DMSMS Lifetime Achievement Award for superior leadership and contributions in reducing DMSMS within DoD, Mary McWilliams, who received a certificate of achievement as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, and Mitch Canty, who also received a 2011 DMSMS Achievement Award.

Obituaries

George Gibson Brintlinger

George Gibson Brintlinger, 80, died Dec. 10. Mr. Brintlinger was retired from HUD.

Charles H. "Charlie" Roe

Charles H. "Charlie" Roe, 85, died Dec. 13 at Hospice of Dayton. Mr. Roe was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired in 1988 from DESC, where he worked as a procurement agent and a warehouse foreman.

Sandra Sue Snyder

Sandra Sue Snyder, 72, died Dec. 9 at home. Ms. Snyder worked at DCSC for many years.

Julian T. Steele Jr.

Julian T. Steele Jr., 79, died Dec. 9 at Regency Manor. Mr. Steele was retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service and worked for 20 years as a civilian employee at Rickenbacker Air Base, including seven years as police chief with the Department of Defense police force.

Leo F. Woodruff

Leo F. Woodruff, 81, of Columbus, died Dec. 13. Mr. Woodruff was retired from DSCC after 28 years of service.

Briefs

DSCC to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and observance ceremony on the DSCC installation will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Building 20 auditorium.

All associates are welcome to attend the celebration.

Nominations open for Woodson award

The Defense Federal Community is sponsoring its 23rd Annual Defense Federal Community Carter G. Woodson Award in conjunction with the National Black/African American History Month celebration in February. Nominations are being solicited from federal agencies in central Ohio to select two nominees. One nominee will be a federal employee and the other will be chosen from the civilian community. They will be honored for their significant contributions made to the African-American community.

Nominations should be submitted in final form to the DSCC Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Attn: C.G. Woodson Award, Building 20, Pod C, Room 146N, no later than Jan. 27.

For more information, call the DLA Land and Maritime EEO Office at 614-692-2577.

Woman of the Year nominees sought

Nominees are being sought for the 21st Annual Defense Federal Community Woman of the Year Award in conjunction with the National Women's History Month Celebration to be held in March.

The Annual Woman of the Year award serves to recognize and honor a Defense Federal Community military or civilian female workforce member who has made outstanding contributions to the federal sector and local community and encourages high standards of achievement for women.

Nominations should be submitted no later than Jan. 27 in final form to DLA Land and Maritime EEO, ATTN: Woman of the Year Award, Building 20, Pod C, Room 146N.

For more information, call Debra Hobbs at 614-692-5263, Karol J. Watson at 614-692-0740 or the DLA Land and Maritime EEO Office at 614-692-2577.

It's A Date

December 2011

- NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH
- UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

DEC. 21 – Hunukkah begins
DEC. 21 – First day of winter
DEC. 25 – Christmas Day
DEC. 31 – New Year's Eve

January 2012

JAN. 1 – New Year's Day
JAN 12 – Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration program, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium
JAN. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
JAN. 16 – Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance

CPR AED classes available in January

Federal employees on the DSCC installation who would like to become certified in CPR and in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator can register for a class by calling the Health Unit in Building 21 at 614-693-5104.

Class spaces are limited and associates should check with their supervisor before scheduling to insure they can attend. Those who schedule are expected to attend as a reserved space cannot be refilled at the last minute.

Classes will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 11 and 26 or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 20, C Pod basement, Room 006, on the following dates: Jan. 19 and 26.

For more information, call Amy Manbeck of the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office at 614-692-1663.

Johnstown complex receives HUD grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced that a $3.5 million Assisted Living Conversion grant will be used to convert 24 existing elderly units at Chimes Terrace in Johnstown, Ohio, into assisted living units for the frail elderly to age in place. Chimes Terrace is an existing two-story elderly apartment building.

The renovations include a new commercial kitchen, dining room, therapy facilities, commercial laundry and personal laundry, nursing offices, exercise and passive activity areas.

The funding is provided through HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program, which provides grants for the physical conversion of eligible multifamily assisted housing projects or portions of projects to assisted living facilities. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

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.

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

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Whitehall Mayor John Wolfe share a laugh during the DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball. During his remarks to the crowd, Williams recognized Wolfe with a proclamation honoring his many years of support to the DSCC installation. Wolfe is leaving office at the end of this year.

Ball

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ion and a retired Army master sergeant, said local military personnel enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a holiday ball.

"The annual holiday balls were always a great gathering, and many employees and military personnel expressed their gratitude," he said. "The ball had a great turnout, both military and civilian personnel. The theme, saluting our war heroes, was well received and appreciated by military personnel."

Pam Kovach, a DLA Land and Maritime associate who was part of the planning committee, said she heard many positive comments about the ball.

"A big 'hat's off' to the commander and all the committee members for all their hard work; it truly paid off," she said. "Everyone I spoke to truly enjoyed themselves and they are looking forward to another holiday ball next year."

During his remarks to the crowd, Williams said he was glad attendees could "set aside our busy schedules to coordinate and celebrate this evening together."

With all the various agencies and organizations represented at the ball, one thing everyone has in common is their support of the warfighter and the defense of our nation, he said.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize our warfighters' vigilance in keeping us safe and allowing us to celebrate the season while they are forward deployed in some of the roughest terrain and sailing among the world's most challenging seas in the world in defense of our freedom," Williams said, adding that it is also "so very important to remember their families who are here without them during this holiday season."

Williams thanked all the planning committee members who helped organize the holiday ball and also recognized Whitehall Mayor John Wolfe with a proclamation honoring his many years of support to the DSCC installation. Wolfe is leaving office at the end of this year.

Criswell

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facility, within walking distance of buildings 20 and 21."

Another proposal is to develop an athletic complex on the land where buildings 41 and 42 once stood. The proposed complex would consist of various sports fields, including a soccer field, basketball courts, softball fields and volleyball courts as well as a walking and running track.

Criswell would also like to enclose the swimming pool to make it a year-around facility for service members on base to get much needed training. He feels it would be an added benefit to the community for personnel to keep in shape all year around.

"The DSCC MWR Fitness Center team is here to support warfighters, civilians, family members and retirees. That's why we exist," says Criswell, who worked as an MWR civilian in Germany for about 10 years after serving as an automated logistics specialist in the Army from 1994-97.

Recently completed is the development of a fitness area in Building 27 to accommodate the new TRX suspension training system and other fitness equipment, to include rock walls, a kettle bell area and workout sleds and tires.

At the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, Criswell oversaw five MWR fitness centers that served about 45,000 military and civilians. But after a decade abroad, Criswell felt it was time to come home.

"There was an opening here and it's a nice area," he said. "I was missing the states and wanted some stability because there are a lot of changes going on in Germany right now."

The USAG Heidelberg is slated to close in 2013. So it was on to Columbus for the 46-year-old bachelor and his six-year-old yellow Labrador retriever named Hudson.

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The Fitness Center's new TRX suspension training system, shown above, has been set up with other fitness equipment in the southwest corner of Building 27.

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General talks mission, vision and telework at town hall meeting

By John Foreman
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams opened his December town hall meeting announcing a packed agenda of topics ranging from mission to telework to recognition of personnel.

The general began by announcing changes in the DLA Land and Maritime mission statement.

"We've added the phrase 'operational forces and industrial sites of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps' to emphasize and recognize the customer and those who we really support, as a clear and important part of our mission," Williams said.

The general then recognized numerous individuals for their accomplishments.

He recognized Navy Lt. Daniel Maldonado for being named DLA's company grade officer of the quarter for the fourth quarter of 2011.

Then he recognized Russell Dewart, Jamie Doss, Robert Hays, Richard Higgins, Michael Kempke, Steven Requarth and David Szczublewski for receiving the Meritorious Civilian Service award for their deployment activities.

He followed that by recognizing Grandal Bobb, Helen Davis, Duane Gross, Andres Gonzalez, Mary Rohner, Ken Rumbaugh and Chad Shevlin for receiving the Superior Civilian Service award for their deployment activities.

Rajesh Sehgal received the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award for his deployment to Herat, Afghanistan, and Douglas Sanders received the NATO award for his deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Air Force Capt. Rob LoMonaco was then recognized for being awarded the Bronze Star by the HHC 101st Sustainment Brigade for his service in Afghanistan from December 2010 to June 2011.

The general then announced the awarding of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to DLA from the Department of Defense.

Following the recognitions, Williams took time to review significant events that occurred during fiscal 2011. He especially noted the addition of the Aberdeen and Anniston detachments, and the Rock Island addition to the Warren detachment.

Mission-wise he saluted the strides made in the Navy Nuclear Program and the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected support efforts, as well as the Navy's Virginia EDSRA project and the Tires Successor Initiative.

He praised the volunteer efforts made by 64 deployers in the deployment program, cited winners of the various DLA awards and noted the installation prowess by winning the Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.

Williams then detailed his Annual Operating Plan initiatives to the workforce. They are:

- Maintain exemplary global support for warfighter operations,
- Enhance global support for industrial operations,
- Extend long term contract coverage and improve small business participation,
- Improve engineering support activity processing times,
- Improve operational efficiencies to meet fiscal constraints,
- Reduce material costs,
- Complete BRAC/Wynne actions,
- Maintain product integrity and improve procurement practices,
- Protect the supply chains from non-conforming, counterfeit and low-quality parts and material, and
- Further develop our high-performing workforce and leverage our diversity.

The general then turned the microphone over to DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty, who discussed the important aspects of telework.

McClaugherty pointed out that DLA Land and Maritime has the most aggressive telework program in DLA with 1,938 eligible positions and 1,642 approved participants.

He reemphasized the commander's expectations and intent that teleworkers were to be present in the office at least two days per week and teleworking must be accomplished seamlessly to the customer. It must be transparent where the teleworker is working. Teleworkers will ensure prompt customer service and no "out-of-office" e-mail or voicemail messages are authorized.

Results of the DLA Land and Maritime Combined Federal Campaign were announced at $351,196 which was just over 97 percent of the organization's goal. The general thanked all those who participated.

Safety performance was recognized for a 25 percent reduction of total mishaps in fiscal 2011. Most of these mishaps were slips, trips and falls.

To close the town hall, Williams noted the success of the first Holiday Ball in more than a decade, and recognized the entertainers and the organizing committee who made ball a success. He then lit a Christmas tree and had the DSCC Choir sing for the workforce.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Seven DLA Land and Maritime associates were recognized at the beginning of the Dec. 8 town hall with DLA Meritorious Civilian Service awards for their efforts on recent deployments by Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (left) and Deputy Commander James McClaugherty (right). The deployers are (from left) Russ Dewart, Robert Hays, Robert Higgins, Mike Kempke, Steve Requarth and Dave Szczublewski. Deployer Jamie Doss was not present for the photo.

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Jim Kreimer, who is retiring Dec. 31 as director of the DLA Land and Maritime Internal Review Office, receives the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams in recognition of his 37 years of federal service. Kreimer has been leading the Internal Review Office since 1985.

Internal Review Office leader retiring after 37-year career

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The director of the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime Internal Review Office is retiring Dec. 31 after a 37-year federal career, nearly all of it with DLA.

Jim Kreimer said he has a lot of mixed feelings as he prepares to leave his job.

"I've had a great career," he said. "It's been a lot of interesting work and a lot of great people.

"But I've met some people who have retired before me and based on what they said, I thought I'd try it," he added with a laugh.

Kreimer started his career with DLA in 1974 and has 37 years of experience as an auditor in the Department of Defense, including a stint with the DoD Inspector General's Office and five years in Germany. He earned his Certified Public Accountant designation from the State of Ohio in 1977 and has served as director of the Internal Review Office since 1985.

During a reception for Kreimer, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams presented him with the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award and praised the professionalism of Kreimer and his team.

Kreimer's departure is a "significant loss in terms of knowledge, leadership and mentorship" for the agency, Williams said.

Deputy Commander James McClaugherty also lamented Kreimer's departure, saying he had been "hugely instrumental" in making DLA Land and Maritime a better business place.

Among Kreimer's early memories of working for DLA was his first assignment to verify that DSCC did a cost comparison of the base telephone system correctly and that the guidance he received from the audit manager was, "Don't screw it up; Congress is interested in the result."

"Yes, we had our own telephone system, complete with switchboard," he said. "The assignment was a little intimidating, but I learned a lot."

His office of nine people provides objective analytical audit support to DLA Land and Maritime senior leaders. Kreimer, who was named DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for November 2010, said he and his staff's goal is to counter the negative perception around the term "audit" by maintaining objectivity and fairness when they do their job.

He lauded his staff for their dedication to their jobs and their success.

"I'm leaving an office with strong, hard-working professional people who will be able to help our senior management," he said.

Melanie Schmechel will take over as manager of the Internal Review Office. Like Kreimer, she is a certified public accountant and has work experience with the DoD Inspector General's Office.

"I know I'm leaving the office in good hands," Kreimer said of his successor.

Among the things he's learned through the years are to trust the workforce because they generally try to do what's right.

"Treat people with respect and expect a lot out of them because they will live up to or down to your expectations," he said of his parting advice to others.

As for his future plans, "I'm going to smash my alarm clock, take a month off and figure out what I want to do when I grow up," Kreimer said with another laugh, adding that he and his wife will spend a week in Florida in January enjoying the sunshine.

Navy captain takes helm of Maritime Supplier Operations

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The new director of the Maritime Supplier Operations directorate at DLA Land and Maritime has always had good experiences with the Defense Logistics Agency in his career with the U.S. Navy Supply Corps.

Navy Capt. Jim Dolan arrived in Columbus from his previous assignment as commanding officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Puget Sound, Wash. He has 27 years in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, starting with his first assignment, after supply and submarine training, as a supply officer aboard the USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642) in 1985. The majority of his career has been in the Pacific Command AOR.

Dolan, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., said his past experience with DLA as a supply officer has always been positive.

"My experience with DLA goes back my whole career as a user on the demand side," he said. "The supply chain does a ... good job of delivering ... and making it seamless to the customer."

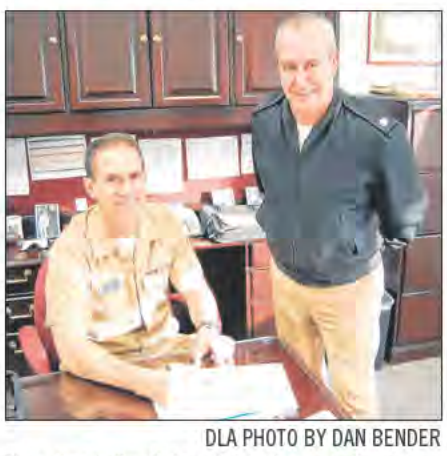
As Maritime Supplier Operations director, Dolan leads nearly 700 associates involved in managing contracts for about 1.7 million different items that support the U.S. armed forces.

Dolan said he has been impressed with the workforce in Columbus.

"When you're leading a talented group of people like we have here, they will lead and manage themselves and do very well," he said. "They have shown great talent and they know what to do to maximize our support to the warfighter."

His goal in managing the directorate is "to stay aligned with our command's mission, which has to be aligned with DLA Director Vice Adm. Harnitchek's mission," he said, adding that he will provide general guidance on areas of focus and importance for the workforce.

"My basic philosophy is to take the best possible care of your people, on a not to interfere basis with the command's mission," he said.



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Navy Capt. Jim Dolan (left), the new director of Maritime Supplier Operations, meets with Navy Lt. Cmdr. Dan Hogue in his office.

Dolan has a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. John Fisher College and a master's degree in business administration and material logistics from the Naval Postgraduate School.

When he's away from work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and 14-year-old daughter, playing sports and reading history books.

Mechanic named DES associate of month

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Robert Hanley (right), an electromotive equipment mechanic, receives the Associate of the Month award for October from Bob Genton, associate site director for DLA Installation Support at Columbus.

Electromotive equipment mechanic Robert Hanley has been instrumental in the completion of several recent projects including the establishment of a secured storage space in Building 11.

For all his efforts, Hanley was recently recognized as the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Associate of the Month for October.

With Hanley's help and expertise, the storage area was completed on time to secure a shipment of IT equipment ordered by Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus.

Hanley, who volunteered to assist the project leader in the storage area's construction, was not only able to help get the project done on time, but he was able to save his customer a significant amount of money by locating previously used materials. Hanley located and helped purchase used wire cage panels needed to construct the holding area.

In another instance, Hanley identified components that could be re-used from a piece of materials handling equipment that had been turned in for disposal to DLA Disposition Services. The recovered items were used as repair parts for the same model equipment still used in the DDS inventory. This resulted in more cost savings for Hanley's customer.

"I have received numerous comments from the leadership of DLA Disposition Services in Columbus regarding the quality of service Robert provides for them while maintaining their all-important mission equipment," said supervisor Donny J. Welch. "There have been countless times that he has worked through scheduled lunch periods, breaks and beyond the normal end of the duty day to ensure the customer has the piece of MHE they require to meet their mission requirements. Robert continues to be an invaluable asset to DLA Installation Support Columbus and to DLA."

Hanley, a veteran of 21 years in the Army, is also in charge of a preventive maintenance program for some 85 pieces of materials handling equipment used in various mission operations on the installation. He is credited with establishing an effective process that ensures reduction of equipment downtime. He has identified and stocked routine spare parts such as filters, spark plugs, etc., for all MHE items serviced by the branch, and has arranged the maintenance service bays for more effective and efficient workflow. All tools, lubricants and other required maintenance support items are within hands reach to streamline the process. His actions have helped reduce preventive maintenance backlogs.

In addition to his MHE fleet maintenance duties, Hanley has also been tasked with addressing maintenance actions for other operating equipment. At the same time, he's been able to assist other branch personnel in completing required maintenance on the center's important force protection equipment. He still finds time to assist other branch personnel in a wide variety of activities such as emergency response equipment repair, special event set up, emergency management exercises and other critical support requests impacting DLA Land and Maritime and tenant mission operations.

Hanley, a Pontiac, Mich., native, has been a member of the Installation Management Office team for two and a half years. In his spare time, he is working toward a degree in the mental health area at Columbus State Community College.

Visit

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down the street from us."

The visit concluded with a discussion between Williams, Berns and Hartman on challenges for Guild in the future, particularly as the war effort winds down in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the potential for Guild to increase its business with DLA.

Williams invited them to attend the DLA Industry Conference next summer in Columbus, saying it would provide a great opportunity to find leads for future business opportunities.

"I really hope you can be there," he said. "I know our folks will do some follow-up with you."

Lewis, a retired Army colonel, thanked Hartman and Berns for the informative tour and said he was impressed by what he saw.

"Looking at your equipment, it's light years away from what I started out with," he said. "I know soldiers out in the field appreciate what you're doing."

Recent outreach efforts to small businesses also included a visit by DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty to a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) networking and training event held Dec. 7 at Whitehall Community Park. McClaugherty provided opening remarks for the event, which was hosted by the Ohio Procurement Assistance Center Network.

About 40 representatives from businesses in Ohio and surrounding states participated to learn about government contracting and qualification requirements for being considered a SDVOSB.

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