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Defense federal community encouraged to 'act' on King's birthday

By John Foreman

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs

Defense federal workers from various agencies housed on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation gathered in the Building 20 auditorium Jan. 12 to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to remember his legacy.

Keynote speaker Charles Newman, the youth minister at the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus and president of the Ohio Baptist General Convention Youth, called on the audience to act.

"Dr. King used the words, 'We shall overcome' as his foundation for motivation," Newman said.

According to Newman, "That old Negro spiritual does something, it motivates people, and Dr. King used it to get people to act. Not just then, but 44 years later it still motivates us. Not to just make the current situation better, not to do anything great that year in Memphis, but when he spoke he talked about America and how we can make America better."

"Dr. King said that it doesn't matter what people say about you, it doesn't matter what people might call you, it doesn't matter what people might do to you, you still have to fight and be motivated so when you see wrong you have to fight against it," Newman said.

As a final reminder, Newman said, "The theme of the day is 'Remember, Celebrate, Act' a day on not a day off. It's easy to remem-

ber and celebrate. The 'Act' part is the most important. If Dr. King were here today, I believe he'd say it was the most important part of this theme for us. Like him we need to make a personal decision to fix things we see that aren't going right. Make a personal decision and 'act' to become the change advocate."

In his opening remarks, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams welcomed new Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard and all dignitaries and representatives of installation activities.

"Today's ceremony here on the installation commemorates the life and the legacy of a truly great American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indeed he holds a very special place in U.S. history and our national conscience," Williams said.

"So much so that his memorial is only the fourth that commemorates an individual who never served as the President of the United States that is located on or near the National Mall, and is one of the very few Americans with a national holiday held in his honor," the general added.

"His legacy and impact on America during the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s is undeniable. His story is one of faith, courage, sacrifice, equality, inspiration and hope for all Americans. We are a better nation because of his example and the long shadow that he still

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DLA PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRIS
Minister Charles Newman, keynote speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King commemoration ceremony, told the audience to make a personal decision to act and become a change advocate to right things they believe are wrong. Newman is the youth minister at the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus.



PHOTO BY VALERIE MINOR

Army Sgt. 1st Class Sean Robey, a training non-commissioned officer for the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) on the DSCC installation, holds his Jumpmaster of the Year plaque.

Paratrooper named Army's Jumpmaster of the Year

By Army Master Sgt. Dave Johnson

412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Columbus, Ohio

Army Sgt. 1st Class Sean Robey, a training non-commissioned officer for the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation, was selected as the Army's Jumpmaster of the Year for 2011.

Robey, who was selected from among U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations units, received the award at the Air Symposium at Fort Bragg, N.C., from former 412th Civil Affairs Battalion commander Bjorn Anderson.

Army Maj. Mike Smith, operations officer for the 412th, nominated Robey. "Sgt. First Class Robey has been instrumental in the success and sustainment of the airborne program at the 412th," Smith said. "His career as a paratrooper and jumpmas-

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CECOM leaders learn about DLA Land and Maritime support during visit

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Some of the new leadership of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command recently had a chance to visit DLA Land and Maritime and discuss DLA's support to the organization.

Attending briefings and tours during a Jan. 6 visit were Gary P. Martin, deputy to CECOM commanding general, CECOM Logistics and Readiness Center director Lane D. Collie, and Bryon Young, executive director, Army Contracting Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

DLA Land and Maritime leadership provided the CECOM visitors with an overview of the Defense Logistics Agency and briefed them on DLA Land at Aberdeen, EProcurement, DLA Land Customer Operations support,



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Among the visitors to DLA Land and Maritime Jan. 6 were CECOM Logistics and Readiness Center director Lane Collie (left) and Gary P. Martin, deputy to CECOM commanding general. On the right is DLA Land and Maritime deputy commander James McClougherty.

the Industrial Product Support Vendor Program, forecasting, demand planning and battery support.

Additional briefings will continue at a CECOM-DLA video teleconference scheduled for Feb. 16 on subjects including the Supplier-Relationship Management Program, Protecting the Supply Chain, Product Quality Deficiency Reports, Engineering Support, and the Source

Approval Process.

As a result of their visit, CECOM leaders expressed interest in working with DLA Land and Maritime on a "battery summit." They are also interested in 90-day rotational assignments in the Technical/Quality area, and possibly in the Demand Planning area. Before departing, they took a tour of the DLA Product Test

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Land and Maritime associates recognized at DLA ceremony

By L. Hampton

DLA Strategic Communications

Defense Logistics Agency military and civilian personnel were honored last month during the 44th Annual Employee Recognition Program Ceremony at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

Among those recognized were two individuals and a team from DLA Land and Maritime and the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Marketing Office.

Recognizing the achievements of individuals and teams across the DLA enterprise would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of its supervisors, DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Hamitchek said.

"Let me thank all the supervisors who took the time to carefully write and document what their individuals or team did," he said. "You can do lots of great things, but if nobody

takes the time to write it down in a way that is easily understandable and makes you want to read it, a lot of great performance goes unnoticed."

Hamitchek used sports analogies to describe the fierce competition level this year, which included 127 nominations for 37 awards.

"This is the Triple Crown; this is the Olympics; this is the World Series; this is the Super Bowl," he said.

Hamitchek highlighted the accomplishments of notable nominations not selected as winners to emphasize the level of competition. For example, an employee from Cherry Point, N.C., was responsible for maintaining inventory accuracy that exceeded the activity's goal by 20 percent in 2010, he said, and an employee who directed a DLA Aviation team that awarded 8,500 manual

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Point of View

Federal employees entrusted by public to be good stewards

Editor's note: The following essay by Kenneth Abrams of DLA Land and Maritime finished third 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 second-place essay, written by Ray Blakeley of DLA Land and Maritime, appeared in the Dec. 21 issue of the Voice.



Kenneth Abrams

This codified gesture extended to federal employees and their antecedents the noble duty of stewardship, thus entrusting those chosen with a sanctioned responsibility to serving, protecting and supporting the nation's interest and its people.

Buttressed by life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the federal service collectively defends the United States from foreign aggression, represents U.S. interests abroad, creates and enforces national laws and regulations, and administers domestic programs and agencies. What began more than 200 years ago with the simple act of entrusting individuals as stewards signaled a tremendous responsibility among those chosen for service. Today more than 2 million federal employees serve domestically and around the world just as their antecessors

shouldered the torch of freedom and service.

Federal stewards have met multiple challenges through economic and political storms yet while doing so ensured the richness and promise of this nation through posterity. Whether it's answering the call for national defense, support and relief from natural disaster, assuring quality in agricultural production, instituting educational or transportation services, federal stewards consistently balance mission needs against resources entrusted by the public to achieve the best value for present and future generations.

According to Merriam Webster's dictionary, stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. As a democratic society, the nation entrusts to its stewards the collective tax revenues to conduct its domestic and global affairs. Stewardship demands reutilization of capital assets such

that scarce financial resources can be efficiently leveraged to meet the nation's needs. It further demands courage and persistence in price negotiations to ensure the best value for the procurements and acquisitions that are advanced to improve or sustain safety, security and services for the nation. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, stewardship in the federal sector demands an organizational culture that consistently seeks methods to improve business and internal processes that reduce waste and increase efficiency, culminating in 100 percent efficient utility from each tax dollar entrusted.

Today's federal service embraces these challenges by developing strategic and holistic approaches to business, defense, environmental and energy management that yield improved and efficient solutions that sustain and enrich the lives of the nation. In an environment where interdependence among

nations is increasingly evident and the demands for current and future resources continue to evolve, the call for stewards to honor the rich tradition of service above self that began more than 200 years ago remains relevant.

Consequently, the nation looks to its federal sector to discharge exemplary leadership in fulfilling its national and international goals. Each business day, federal employees, raising the banner of stewardship, engage in business activities ever mindful of the sacred trust between themselves and the citizenry. Balancing competing priorities against limited resources, federal stewards have perpetuated a business approach that meets the societal needs of the nation. This canon is sustained by a common commitment to both preserving and enriching that which has been entrusted and most earnestly epitomizes the term "stewardship."

By Kenneth Abrams
DLA Land Supplier Operations

Following the birth of the United States as a nation in 1776, the Constitution established the federal service. Through the collective vision of the founding fathers, a codified gesture of trust was bestowed upon federal employees making them, henceforth, stewards.

Obituaries

William Collinsworth

William Collinsworth, 82, died Dec. 18. Mr. Collinsworth was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was retired from DCSC.

Craig "Randy" Crace

Craig "Randy" Crace, 52, died Jan. 5 at home. Mr. Crace was a long-time employee at DLA Land and Maritime.

Harold Stewart Greene Sr.

Harold Stewart Greene Sr., 81, died Dec. 20 at the Hospice Center of the Dayton VA. Mr. Greene served in the Korean War and retired from DESC in 1994 after more than 40 years of civilian service.

Sylvia Ellen (Ross) House

Sylvia Ellen (Ross) House, 92, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died Dec. 22. Ms. House worked as a bank teller at DCSC.

Eileen Elizabeth Jones

Eileen Elizabeth Jones, 90, of Carroll, died Dec. 14. Ms. Jones was retired from DCSC after many years of service.

Ollis "Ollie" King

Ollis "Ollie" King, 84, of Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Dayton, died Dec. 19. Mr. King served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and Army Signal Corps and worked as a systems design analyst at DCSC from 1956-84.

Christopher P. Livingston

Christopher P. Livingston, 46, of Gahanna, died Dec. 25 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Mr. Livingston was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired computer programmer for the Department of Defense at DCSC.

Jeanette Elizabeth (Heasley) McCarthy

Jeanette Elizabeth (Heasley) McCarthy, 87, of Clintonville, died Jan. 4. Ms. McCarthy was a mem-

ber of the DCSC Eagle Eye Golf Club and a DCSC golfing champion.

Theodore B. Purvis Jr.

U.S. Navy Capt. Theodore B. Purvis Jr. (Ret.), 92, died Dec. 20 in Plant City, Fla. Capt. Purvis served in the U.S. Navy for 29 years, beginning during World War II and culminating as deputy commander of DESC in Kettering before retiring in 1969.

Wilma T. Riley

Wilma T. Riley, 85, of West Carrollton, died Dec. 25. Ms. Riley was retired from DESC with more than 25 years of service.

Linda E. (Thompson) Sickles

Linda E. (Thompson) Sickles, 63, of Glenford, died Dec. 30 at her home. Ms. Sickles worked at Newark Air Force Base from 1966 to 1986, managed the Civilian Personnel Office at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base from 1988 until 1994 and returned to federal service with the DLA Human Resources Center in 2008.

Bruce D. Wade

Bruce D. Wade, 53, of Newark, died Dec. 11. Mr. Wade was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a former Newark Air Force Base associate.

Joseph Williamson

Joseph Williamson, 87, of Columbus, died Jan. 6. Mr. Williamson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired after 36 years of service from DCSC, where he was an inaugural member of the DCSC Retiree Wall of Fame.

Louis Wintenberg

Louis Wintenberg, 83, of Pickerington, died Dec. 28. Mr. Wintenberg was a U.S. Army veteran and was retired as a systems analyst from DCSC.

Mary K. Yoe

Mary K. Yoe, 59, of Frankfort, Ohio, died Dec. 27 at her home. Ms. Yoe was a U.S. Air Force veteran and was as a computer programmer at DCSC.

Briefs

Financial seminar classes scheduled

The MWR Relocation Assistance Office on the DSCC installation will be offering financial seminar classes throughout this year.

The seminars currently scheduled are Choosing Words Effectively on Jan. 18, 2011 Tax Changes and Updates on Jan. 24 and Jan. 31, Home Buying 101 on Feb. 14 and Retirement Planning on March 20.

Other seminars in the planning process are College Planning, Home Buying for Dummies, Managing Credit and Debt Wisely, Organizing Your Vital Documents, ID Theft, Review of Financial Plan, Legal and Estate Planning 1 and 2, Questions and Answers for Home Buying, Investment Basics, Pre-Plan Your Funeral and Prenuptials.

More information on these seminars is available by calling Lisa Passalacqua at 614-692-7220.

Nominations sought for Woodson award

The Defense Federal Community is sponsoring its 23rd Annual Defense Federal Community Carter G. Woodson Award in conjunction with the Nation-

It's A Date

January 2012

JAN. 30 - DLA Land and Maritime Supervisors Call, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

February 2012

* AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
FEB. 1 - National Freedom Day
FEB. 2 - Groundhog Day
FEB. 3 - Black History Month

program, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

FEB. 12 - Abraham Lincoln's birthday
FEB. 14 - Valentine's Day
FEB. 20 - Presidents Day Holiday
FEB. 22 - Ash Wednesday
FEB. 22 - George Washington's birthday
FEB. 22 - Carter G. Woodson awards presentation, 11 a.m., Whitehall Community Center
FEB. 29 - Leap Day

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.

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.

Class will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 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.

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,

al 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.



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Columbus workforce bids farewell to retiring associates

DLA Land and Maritime bid farewell to more than 40 associates who retired at the end of 2011 during a Dec. 21 ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium. The retirees included associates in Columbus and some of the detachments across the country. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Deputy Commander James McClougherty saluted the associates and presented them with certificates noting their years of service. Associates in attendance were (from left) Daniel King, Dottie Zito, John Orndoff, Connie Greene, Jane Baird, David Bowling, Robert Contino, Bernard Miesse, Barbara Epp, Maureen Brown, Carol Jenkins, Jim Kreimer and Mary Beatty. Other retiring associates were Greg Barger, Janice Bichon, Sharon Fritz, John Jauch, Henrietta Jones, Thomas Maurer, Shirley Mays, Debra Mitchell, Terri Moeller, Judi Obrig, Carol Parks, Gary Salyer, James Sapp, Mark Stanley, Sheila Walker, Nancy Young and Gary Zahn in Columbus and detachment associates James Adkins, Larry Anthony, Douglas Bey, Wayne Sykes, Jesse Walton and Elizabeth Warren of Norfolk, Frederick Askew of Albany, Joseph Bickford and Cathleen Dugas of Portsmouth, Lester Brown, Maria Pena, Sigrid Strand and Debra Ward of Puget Sound and Robert Fuller of Anniston.

Jump

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ter has involved participation in a large number of airborne operations. He has over 70 individual jumps and has performed 47 jumpmaster duties."

Along with performing air operations for the 412th during its monthly jumps, Robey has participated in myriad airborne endeavors around the world.

"His participation as a jumpmaster has included airborne operations in Canada, Germany and Italy," Smith said.

Army Staff Sgt. Adam Parks, a jumpmaster, is one of the 412th soldiers Robey mentored.

"To ascend from paratrooper to jumpmaster, an airborne soldier must

complete many jumps, and after that, strive to become a jumpmaster," Parks said, adding that being ready for airborne operations means constant training, practice and reviewing airborne procedures.

"Sustainment training is required to reinforce what soldiers learn at airborne school," said Army Capt. Garrett McAdams, a plans and operations officer for the 412th.

Robey is the primary airborne operations trainer at the 412th.

Robey also deployed to Iraq as a member of the 346th Psychological Operations Company.

"Robey epitomizes the standard for being a jumpmaster to all the soldiers he trains," Smith said. "This jumpmaster of the year award was well deserved."

CECOM

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Center's electronics test lab.

"Our visitors were appreciative of the briefings we gave and for the test lab tour," said Sue Pederson, a weapon system support manager for communications/electronics in the DLA Land Customer Operations Readiness Division. "Our discussions during the briefings unveiled the need for a 'battery summit,' which we haven't had in four years."

Also visiting were Doug Nevins, director of the DLA Land Aberdeen detachment, and his deputy, Steve Bianco, who retired as director of Land Supplier Operations at DLA Land and Maritime in 2005. They detailed DLA Land Aberdeen's support to CECOM and materiel cost reductions achieved. DLA Land Aberdeen supports CECOM by buying Depot Level Repairables, the result of a previous BRAC decision. In the past, CECOM bought its own DLRs but now DLA makes the buys.

Carolyn Welsh-Rowley, the DLA customer support

representative at CECOM, also visited. She provides service as the on-site "go to" person for DLA issues.

Martin is a former Signal Corps officer who earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Norwich University and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Pennsylvania. In his current position, he works with the commander in developing and executing organizational goals, objectives and policies aimed at providing world-class integrated command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance solutions to the soldier.

Collie, as the director of the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) Logistics Readiness Center (LRC), is the command's senior leader in developing a vision, strategy and implementation plans necessary to achieve an integrated enterprise approach to logistics for command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance weapons systems. He was selected to

the Senior Executive Service in 2007. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from Augustana College, and a master's degree in business administration from Monmouth University.

Young was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in late 2004. He manages a geographically dispersed contracting center responsible for executing more than \$21 billion worth of contracts that support Army-wide research and development efforts and mission critical contractor for the warfighter, the Program Executive Office as well as for institutional Army customers. He also serves as the principal assistant responsible for contracting for both the commander of the Research, Development and Engineering Command and the commander of the Communications-Electronics Command, which like ACC, are also major subordinate commands of the Army Materiel Command. A former Army Air Defense officer, Young holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and a master's degree from Boston University.



DLA PHOTO BY CHARLES MORRIS

Jim Likes (left), acting deputy director of DFAS Columbus, and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams present guest speaker Charles Newman with a memento in recognition of his appearance at the Defense Federal Community Dr. Martin Luther King commemoration Jan. 12.

King

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casts over our lives today.

"Dr. King's messages are timeless and the principles he taught are as relevant today as they were during his lifetime," said Williams.

After the general's opening remarks, Robert Ragland from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus performed a piano medley of the songs, "What a Fellowship," "The Power and the Blood,"

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "Wayfaring Stranger." His presentation accompanied a slide show about the historical life and accomplishments of Dr. King.

Another program highlight included the playing of excerpts from Dr. King's final speech during the Memphis, Tenn., garbage strike in 1968.

The national anthem was sung by DFAS employee Xandra Wilson and the invocation for the program was provided by DLA Land and Maritime chaplain liaison Flora Martin. Air Force Master Sgt. Tony Anderson served as the master of ceremony.

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2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

Maintaining warfighter support while implementing efficiencies theme of 2011

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

Following is a look back on the significant events and initiatives that occurred during 2011 on the DSCC installation.

JANUARY

Workplace culture received high marks from DLA Land and Maritime associates in the latest Denison Culture Survey. To begin 2011, results showed marked increases in the four quadrants of Mission, Consistency, Adaptability and Involvement. Said Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, "It takes an exceptional workforce to achieve these results and we want you to know how much we appreciate being part of this team."

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day guest speaker, OSU vice provost and chief diversity officer Valerie Lee, spoke about the literary traditions Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech to local defense federal employees during the installation's Jan. 12 celebration of the civil rights icon.

In his fiscal 2011 guidance, then-DLA Director Vice Adm. Alan J. Thompson directed the agency to "pursue price reductions by as much as 10 percent in selected areas by profiling greater focus on price reasonableness, incorporating price reduction factors and establishing more long-term contracts." DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams asked for everyone's support in the effort in a letter to the workforce. DLA Land and Maritime teams of experts jumped into action on material cost reduction initiatives.

Brig. Gen. Williams and the rest of the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime leadership team held its semi-annual Primary Level Field Activity Review with Vice Adm. Thompson Jan. 19 via a video-teleconference.

The leadership team of the Ohio Naval Militia includes a DFAS Columbus employee. Capt. J. Frank Jackson, the militia's vice commandant/chief of staff, has been an employee of DFAS for the past 20 years. He works in the Site Support Area as an office services assistant with the EBIZ System.

Getting more women-owned small businesses involved with DLA was the goal of a Jan. 20 online webinar in the DLA Land and Maritime Small Business Office. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Administration and involved about 100 representatives from women-owned small businesses interested in doing business with the government.

FEBRUARY



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Guest chef Pastor V. Golden from the Zion Cafeteria dishes up food during a Soul Food Luncheon that was part of the DSCC installation's celebration of Black History Month.

DLA Land and Maritime has been supplying the military with parachutes in high demand to drop material and supplies the troops in rough, hostile terrain. "It's one of the chief means of supply to the soldiers," said James Sledge, a customer account specialist who works on a team to keep the military supplied with the item. Sledge is a retired Army master sergeant from Dayton, Ohio.

MARCH



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams speaks during a summit held in March with detachment leaders from across the country to discuss ways to better synchronize support efforts.

Land and Maritime detachment leaders met in Columbus to synchronize support efforts.

The installation's AbilityOne store opened its doors in Building 11.

Local celebrities Andrea Cambern and former OSU football coach Jim Tressell visited the installation to impart their words of wisdom to the workforce.

APRIL

Eagle Eye Golf Course and head pro Jeff Bills were host to several golfers with health challenges or handicaps in a special golf clinic.

The first "Shred Day" pulled in four tons of waste paper from installation employees.

MAY



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Vern Shaw, the coordinator for the DLA Land and Maritime Operation Feed campaign, wraps another pallet of donated food for delivery to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

DLA Land and Maritime received the Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

DLA Land and Maritime bid farewell to Chief of Staff Air Force Col. Dan Hicks, who went to an assignment at Warner Robins AFB.

JUNE

The DLA Land-Anniston detachment was activated June 22.

Navy Cmdr. Michael Hudson took command of the Navy Recruiting District Ohio, taking over from Cmdr. M.G. Rankin.

Army Staff Sgt. Jimmy Jeffrey lost 16.2 percent of his body weight to win the installation's second annual Biggest Loser contest.

The 2011 DLA Industry Conference studied ways to add efficiency to logistics at the Columbus Convention Center.

A "Minute to Win It" competition was one of the features of the 2011 Multicultural Unity Day Fun Fest, attended by thousands of associates and their families.

JULY

Five former associates were added to the DLA Land and Maritime Hall of Fame. Inducted were Danny Leasure, Dr. Ivan Hall, Dennis Canterbury, Whitehall Mayor John Wolfe and the late Cheryl Casey.

More than 80 logisticians met in Columbus for the semi-annual supply chain Integrated Product Team meeting for the MRAP vehicle.

The local Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, more commonly known as DISCO, held a closing ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium. The local office was consolidated to Fort Meade, Md., due to BRAC.

DLA Land and Maritime Customer service representatives from all over the world came home July 18-21 for training at Columbus.

Navy Cmdr. Karen Little assumed command of DLA Maritime-Puget Sound.

AUGUST

Vice Adm. Alan Thompson made his last visit to DLA Land and Maritime and said farewell to the workforce in a special town hall meeting.

Fitness Day 2011 drew hundreds of associates to a variety of activities at the DSCC Fitness Center.

SEPTEMBER

It was announced that the DSCC installation won the prestigious Federal Energy and Water Management award from the Department of Energy. It was later presented Oct. 13. The DLA Installation Support at Columbus energy management team won in both water and



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

DSCC installation firefighters participated in an exercise in early September that simulated a hazardous material spill near the Child Development Center.

energy program categories for projects that resulted in a 7-percent reduction in energy consumption, and almost a 7-percent reduction in water usage.

Customer account specialist Phylliss Tucker retired with 44 years of service.

On POW/MIA Day, Liz Flick, state coordinator for the National League of POW/MIA families, spoke to the workforce as did Marri Petrucci, daughter of missing in action pilot Air Force Col. Frances J. McGouldrick Jr.

OCTOBER

Two October arrivals: Navy Capt. Rachel Fant became the new director of Maritime Customer Operations and Army Col. Christine Erelwine took over as director of Land Supplier Operations.

NOVEMBER



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Navy Cmdr. Jay Tucker, co-deputy director of Maritime Supplier Operations, cleans up after taking a pie to the face after "winning" a contest for pledges to the 2011 CFC.

DLA Land and Maritime leaders traveled to Warren, Mich., to honor acquisition specialist John Bruce, who retired after 69 years of government service. He played a major role in the BRAC work that set up the Warren detachment.

Navy Cmdr. Jay Tucker took a pie in the face for pledges to the 2011 CFC.

Almost three dozen installation associates received degrees from the DSCC branch of Park University.

DSCC firefighters began a Fitness Center-designed fitness program.

AbilityOne Day featured wounded warrior retired Army Master Sgt. Jeffrey Mittman, who was an inspiration to all who attended.

DECEMBER

On Dec. 1, new DLA director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek paid his first visit to Columbus, which he described as "where all the important warfighter support happens."

The DSCC Installation Commander's Holiday Ball drew almost 600 installation associates to the Villa Milano center.

Brig. Gen. Williams visited local supplier Guild Associates, a manufacturer located in Dublin, Ohio. The next day, he visited the local VA center's Holiday Party to show support for veterans of central Ohio.

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Columbus work force recognized with JMUA

Contributed story

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams announced the awarding of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to DLA from the Department of Defense during his December town hall session with the workforce.

Representatives from the DLA Land and Maritime workforce gathered on the stage as the DoD's Joint Meritorious Unit Award was presented.

The award is for support DLA gave for "joint and combined warfighting, operational exercises, humanitarian assistance operations, and disaster recovery" from Nov. 1, 2009, to April 30, 2011, according to the citation. It is the sixth JMUA won by DLA.

The JMUA award citation, signed by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and dated Oct. 4, highlights DLA's end-to-end management of eight supply chains that cover more than 5 million items and support 1,900 weapons systems.

"The Defense Logistics Agency worked tirelessly to significantly increase operational tempo and deliver supply chain excellence in support of America's joint warfighting team in military actions worldwide, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan," the citation reads. "Connecting warfighter demand with superb end-to-end logistics solutions, the agency deployed military and civilian personnel in multiple capacities, delivering unsurpassed logistics around the globe."

The JMUA, authorized by the secretary of defense on June 10,



Representatives from the DLA Land and Maritime workforce gathered on the stage as the DoD's Joint Meritorious Unit Award was presented during the town hall. Pictured with the award citation are (from left) DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, Russ Dewart, Mike Morouse, Erik Minshall, John Fralick of AFGE, Deputy Commander James McClaugherty, Jeff Schmidt of IFPTE and Air Force Capt. Rob LoMonaco.

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INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS recognized at the town hall were Rajesh Sehgal (left), who received the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award for his efforts while deployed to Afghanistan; Douglas Sanders (second from left), who received a NATO award for his efforts as part of an international security force in Afghanistan; Air Force Capt. Robert LoMonaco, who received the Bronze Star for his efforts while deployed to Afghanistan; and Navy Lt. Daniel Maldonado, who received the DLA Company Grade Officer award for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011.

1981, is awarded to joint activities for meritorious achievement or service for actions in combat,

a declared national emergency or extraordinary circumstances that involve national inter-

est, according to DoD Manual 1348.33, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards.

The award consists of service ribbons for military members, lapel pins for civilian employees and a unit streamer for the DLA flag, Brad Bunn, DLA Human Resources director, wrote in a memo to the DLA Executive Board. All personnel assigned to the agency for at least 30 days during the period covered by the award are eligible to wear the appropriate insignia.

Also during the awards presentation portion of the town hall, Navy Lt. Daniel Maldonado

was recognized for being named DLA's company grade officer of the quarter for the fourth quarter of 2011.

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.

Ceremony

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purchase requests awarded more than \$950 million dollars.

In addition, DLA Land and Maritime's Vehicle Support Team secured more than \$2 million in material cost reductions and reduced unfilled orders by 35 percent, which contributed to a material availability of 90 percent for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

There were 60 nominations for the outstanding personnel of the year award. This year's 10 outstanding personnel included Alberta Petruskevich, a qualifications data review assistant for the Sourcing and Qualification Division in the Operations Support directorate at DLA Land and Maritime.

Petruskevich, who has 35 years of federal service, was recognized for her superior effort in serving as assistant to the division chief, reviewing travel and budget data in support of qualification audits, providing billing data to Defense Finance and Accounting Service and maintaining division travel files, among other job duties.

"Her watchful eye and outstanding support of roughly 50 engineers and managers was vital to her division's success in efficiently, professionally and safely completing its qualification mission, thus assuring that components destined for our weapons and space systems are of the highest quality and reliability," her award nomination states.

The other Top 10 Outstanding Personnel were Timothy Anderson, Lisa Hosecloth and Veronica Salazar of DLA Aviation, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Noel Cruz of DLA Distribution, David Moose of DLA Human Resources, Army Master Sgt. Sandra Britton and Jeff Cates of DLA Disposition Services, and Air Force Capt. Scott Thomas and Andres Avila of DLA Energy.

Among the team award winners was DLA Land and Maritime's Integrated Logistics Partnership Team in the large team category.

The Integrated Logistics Partnership is an initiative designed to optimize logistics performance and reduce costs by moving the point of sale from requisition to the point of consumption at the end user. The ILP concept was



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DLA Land and Maritime's Integrated Logistics Partnership Team was recognized in the large team category. From left to right are DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek, team members Patricia Padlo of DLA Troop Support, Myisha Sears, Allyn Juris, Shaun McKinney and John Kline of DLA Land and Maritime and Ann Stolinsky of DLA Troop Support, and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams. Other team members are Alana Huron, John Jauch, Sondra Ward, April Charlton, Karl Sornmerkamp, Susan Loudermilk, Christine Mossman, Linda Johnson, Thomas Maul, David Schupbach, Megan Saylor, Kristen Baraniewicz, Ed Eckenrode, Evelyn Heskett, Rebecca Wollard, Reta McCullough, Janis Bryant, Emmanuell Colon-LaLuz, Joellen Gochenour, Shaun Sehgal, Ann Edmonds, Karen Fauris, Steven Van Sickler, Chris Cullen, Kelly Cottogim, Theresa Moore, Danny Kopp, Martin Stratmoen, Ann Stolinsky, Duan-na Jorgensen, Mindy Messerly, Eric Rodino, Patricia Snyder, Mike O'Brien, Jane Bennett, Robert Heine, Angel Gonzalez, Steven Loper, Carol Bouson-Long, Kathy Post, Teena Berberick, Clifford Madsen, Luke Rathgaber, Maria Summers, Dorothy Salmons, Michael Craycraft, Mindy Guida, Myisha Sears, Mark Crouse, James Trout, Robert Jones, Sandra Hodak, Joshua Cline, Stanley Easter, Beverly Forson, Karla King, Teauana Surratt, Clevan Wilson, Lisa Morrison, Jon Bosworth, Deborah Robinson, Michael Morouse, Maria McMillan, Mindy Rhoads, Richard Knatz, Fonda Alexander, Robert Keiser, John Mason and Jeffrey Jacob.



James Rose (second from right), manager of the MWR Office on the DSCC installation, holds the Quality of Life Excellence award given to the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Marketing Office by DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. With them are DLA Installation Support director Tanya Lee and DLA Installation Support at Columbus MWR business manager Patric McGuane.

implemented in January 2006 as a formal Performance Based Logistics partnership between DLA and the TACOM-Life Cycle Management Command.

Based on its success, the Army decided to use DLA Land and Maritime's ILP program and shift to a more complex and critical recapitalization program valued at \$898 million for a large production run of the up-armored HMMWV fleet.

Among the acquisition excellence award winners was DLA Land and Maritime associate Hoa Ta, a pricing analyst in the Procurement Process Support directorate who won the Excellence in Pricing award.

Ta was recognized for excellent performance in preparing price/cost analyses and comprehensive negotiation objectives for complex, high dollar and typically sole source proposals with complex cost structures, incentive type contracts and long lead times that necessitate projecting changes in labor, burden, rates and material costs. He was also recognized for serving as a mentor and trainer to other associates throughout the organization.

"His pricing expertise and mentoring of the pricing aspects for these programs as well as other initiatives have provided significant efficiency improvements," his nomination states.

The DLA Logistics Operations Supply Chain Sustainability and Hazardous Material Minimization Team won the DLA Environmental Award. Team members from DLA Land and Maritime are Bernie Miesse, Mohamed Cisse, Scott Drais, Diane Tucker, Eric Steensen, Keith Gossett and Jim Crum.

The DLA Quality of Life Excellence award went to the Marketing Office at Columbus, Ohio, DLA Installation Support. MWR Chief Jim Rose and MWR Business Manager Patric McGuane accepted the award on behalf of the Marketing Office, comprised of marketing manager Jennifer Russell and marketing

assistant Dana Thornbury.

Other award winners not recognized during the ceremony included DLA Land and Maritime associate Frances Quinones, who received the Latina Style Meritorious Service Award, which recognizes outstanding Latinas serving in the U.S. military or as Department of Defense civilian employees who have displayed leadership, accomplishment and commitment. The award is given by Latina Style magazine, in which Quinones will be featured this month.

Editor's note: *DLA Land and Maritime public affairs specialist Dan Bender contributed to this article.*



DLA Land and Maritime associate Frances R. Quinones (center) receives the Latina Style Meritorious Service Award from Navy Capt. Kenneth J. Barrett (left), Deputy Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, and DLA Land and Maritime Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett.



ABOVE: Alberta Petruskevich (center), a qualifications data review assistant for the Sourcing and Qualification Division in the Operations Support directorate at DLA Land and Maritime, receives a DLA Top Ten Outstanding Personnel award from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. On the left is DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams. BELOW: DLA Land and Maritime associate Hoa Ta (second from left), a pricing analyst in the Procurement Process Support directorate, receives the Excellence in Pricing award from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. With them are DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and DLA Director of Acquisition (J7) Nancy Heimbaugh.



New commander takes reins at DLA Maritime-Norfolk detachment

By Michael Jones

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Officer

NORFOLK, Va. — The new year ushered in a significant change within DLA Land and Maritime as its commander, Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, and senior leaders traveled to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11 to officiate a change of command and retirement ceremony.

The new DLA Land and Maritime-Norfolk commander is Navy Cmdr. Gwendolyn Willis.

Outgoing Navy Cmdr. William Nash commanded the Norfolk detachment and its 262 employees since May 2009, when the detachment was stood up as a result of the 2005 BRAC initiative.

Nash took the opportunity during the ceremony to compliment the staffs at both DLA Land and Maritime Columbus and DLA Maritime-Norfolk for their support during his tenure as commander. He also reflected on his challenges and accomplishments as he shared his final day at Norfolk among family and friends.

Williams welcomed Willis into the DLA Land and Maritime family and expressed total confidence in her abilities.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we are providing DLA Maritime-Norfolk with one of the best and brightest Naval supply officers the Navy has to offer," Williams said. "I'm sure that Cmdr. Willis' experience and insight will prove to be an extremely positive asset as she shares her knowledge and logistics foresight with regard to improving our supply chain operations."

Willis joins DLA Land and Maritime from an assignment as Director of



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Prior to the change of command ceremony DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Darrell Williams (left) participated in the dedication of a new facility for the workforce assigned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard along with incoming DLA Maritime-Norfolk Commander Navy Cmdr. Gwendolyn Willis, deputy director Joe Long and outgoing commander Navy Cmdr. Bill Nash.

Plans, Policy and Logistics Support for COMUSNAVCENT, a position she held in Bahrain since September 2010.

Speaking after she accepted her new leadership role, Willis said she was humbled by the opportunity to be a part of such an outstanding organization like DLA Land and Maritime and pledged to meet future challenges head on in her role to help improve operations. Willis' mother, Vivian, enjoyed the honor of "pinning on" her daughter's new command during the ceremony.

The change of command ceremony ensured the continued evolution of DLA Land and Maritime's operations and highlighted the history associated with the Norfolk operation. Norfolk was DLA Land and Maritime's first shipyard transfer of function during BRAC and Nash was its first DLA commander. He retired with more than 23 years of military service.

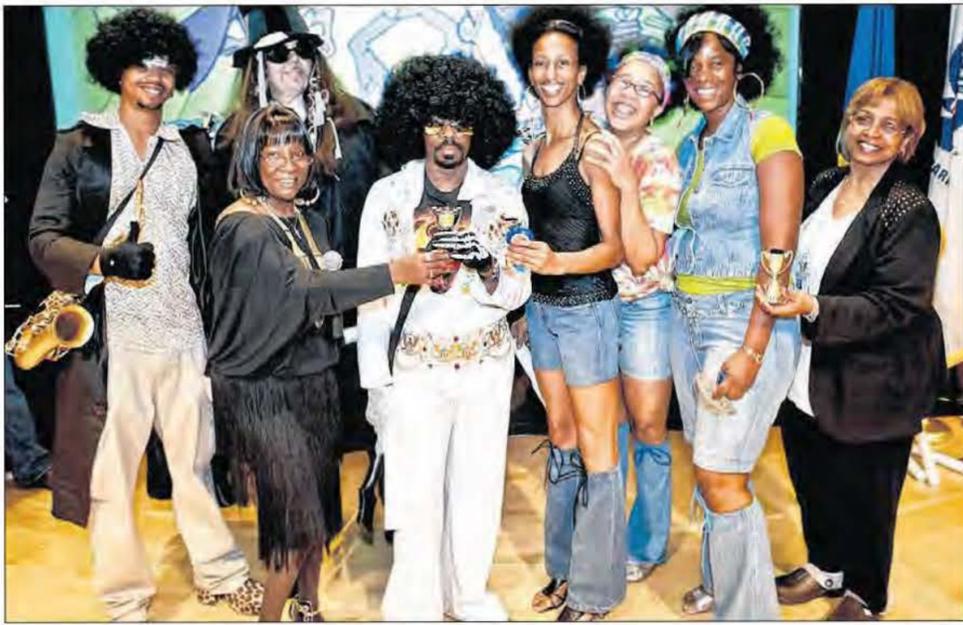
Williams concluded the ceremony with praises to the associates who keep DLA Maritime-Nor-



DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Darrell Williams hands the DLA flag to Navy Cmdr. Gwendolyn Willis during a Jan. 11 change of command ceremony, signifying her assumption of command of the DLA Maritime-Norfolk detachment at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

folk functioning at peak performance.

"Your efforts to go the extra mile to reduce costs are well-documented. I have every confidence that you will keep up the strong work ethic and outstanding capabilities with your new commander Gwendolyn Willis — keep up the good work."



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Saundra Hill (front left) and Philippa Houston (right) hand trophies to DFAS Columbus employees (from left) Jovon Foster, Phil Manes, Leonard Parker, Tammy Smith, Charde Jackson and Diane Johnson, whose performance of the song "Flashlight" by the Funkadelics finished in first place in a CFC variety show.

Performers raise money for CFC

Contributed story

Associates from Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus and DLA Land and Maritime together raised more than \$800 for the Combined Federal Campaign during a recent variety show in the Building 20 auditorium.

Ten acts performed in the variety show, which raised \$814.48 for the CFC undesignated fund.

First place went to DFAS employees Leonard Parker, Philip Manes, Jovon Foster, Tammy Smith, Diane Johnson and Charde Jackson, who performed the song "Flashlight" by the Funkadelics.

Second place went to DFAS employee Verena Smalley, who per-

formed the Alannah Myles song "Black Velvet," while third place went to DFAS employee Cleveland Guess, who performed "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green.

Other variety show participants were Velvet Liles, Valerie Snipes, Vicky Stewart and Thomas Norris of DFAS and Mislin Perez-Fernandez and Edwin Robinson of DLA Land and Maritime.

"Without every last person who gave their time, talent and energy to the 2011 CFC Variety Show, it would not have been as successful as it was," event organizer and DFAS employee Saundra Hill said.

Hill thanked the "behind the scenes staff" of Edward Collin-sworth, Mary Mathews, Crys-



DFAS employee Verena Smalley received the second-place trophy for her rendition of the Alannah Myles song "Black Velvet."



DFAS employee Cleveland Guess' performance of "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green garnered him a third-place finish.

tal Lewis, Catrina Davis, Shawn Pritchard, Jackie Riley, Robert Ragland, Gina Jones, Linnette Meeks, Tiffany Reed, Bill Grant, Brittany James, Jaime Shirley, Vickie Caldwell and Philippa Houston who made the event a success.

Workshop focuses on workplace professionalism

By Mislin A. Perez-Fernandez
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Public Affairs Liaison

The second workshop in the "Professional Enhancement Series" addressed important aspects of professionalism such as how people interact and communicate with others in the workplace.

The "Professionalism in the Workplace" workshop was held in the Building 20 auditorium and covered topics such as what professionalism means, the characteristics of a professional, and how people judge professionalism through image, communication, competence and demeanor.

Professionalism is in the eye of the beholder. It is based on one's values and understanding of professional roles and evidenced through behavior, workshop speaker Robert L. Boggs told about 150 associates in attendance. Boggs, chief of the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division, mentioned that the characteristics of a true professional are the following: competence, trustworthiness, respect, integrity, consideration, empathy, courteousness, dependability, cooperativeness, commitment and common sense.

"Individuals act professionally by showing up on time for appointments and meetings," he said. "You need to respect yourself and others, and a way to respect others is to be punctual."

Boggs, who oversees the Intern and Career Management Branch and the Transformation Change Management and Culture Branch, said first impressions always matter.

"You only have one chance to make a first impression so make it count," he said. He encouraged audience members to make a positive impression, be authentic, take care of themselves, build credibility, monitor

other's perceptions, monitor their own behavior, and speak clearly and in a language others can easily understand.

A big part of communication is listening, he said, adding that, "if you express yourself before listening, communication is not going to be effective."

During the workshop, Boggs explained that respect for colleagues is essential for workplace professionalism. Individuals who listen and are responsive to the ideas and suggestions of their colleagues demonstrate respectful behavior.

Small actions, such as saying "please" and "thank you," help build collaborative workplace relationships and establish you as a professional who works well with others. "Professionals don't turn people off, they turn people on," he said.

The workshop was sponsored by the DLA Columbus Equal Employment Opportunity Office's Hispanic Employment Program and the Morale Welfare and Recreational Office in conjunction with Native American Employment Program manager Yolanda Brown-Harris.

The next workshop, "Choosing Words Effectively," is scheduled for Jan. 18 in the Buckeye Room with speaker Maria Buch Castillo, the HEP manager. This workshop will focus on techniques to improve word choice when speaking.

DLA associates interested in participating in these seminars can register online at www.dscemwr.com/ seminar. For more information about the "Professional Enhancement Series," call Castillo at 614-692-9704 or MWR Relocation Assistance Program manager Lisa Passalacqua at 614-692-7220.

DSCC to host CFC shooting competition

Contributed story

The shooting range on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation will be the site of a multi-federal agency shooting competition Jan. 27 to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign. All monies collected for this event will be evenly divided and pledged to Wounded Warriors and the Concerns of Police Survivors Inc.

Participating agencies include the DSCC police department, the U.S. Army

Reserve 375th CID, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Secret Service. Four-person teams from each agency will be scored on overall marksmanship, tactical course and steel plates.

The competition will start at 8 a.m. and a team trophy will be awarded at about 4 p.m. at the 19th Hole.

Each agency will be responsible for pledges associated with the event. Anyone interested in supporting a team should contact the following representatives: DSCC Police, Jerry Pyle at

Jerry.Pyle@dla.mil; 375th CID, Jack Elliott at Jackie.elliott@usar.army.mil; U.S. Marshals, Brenda Minnema at Brenda.Minnema@usdoj.gov; and U.S. Secret Service, Tom Hess at Thomas.Hess@ussf.dhs.gov.

Although the solicitation of funds for CFC concluded at the end of December, CFC pledges can be made anytime until the date of the event. Donors can help support their local law enforcement agencies and give to a worthy cause.

Associate participates in Toastmasters speech contest

From the DLA Land and Maritime Toastmasters Club

A DLA Land and Maritime associate with a story about a pet parakeet represented the organization's Toastmasters Club in a district contest held in Columbus.

Mary Ann Wray, a customer account specialist in Land Customer Operations, represented Toastmasters Club AGOISSI (A Group of Individuals Seeking Self Improvement) #3500 and Areas 21 and 23 in the annual District 40 Toastmasters Eastern Division and Table Topic Contest at the JPMorgan Chase Polaris McCoy Center.

Wray's journey to the district contest began when her speech entitled "The Panegyric Parakeet" was deemed the winner of this year's Humorous Speech Contest held at an August meeting of the DLA Land and Maritime Toastmasters Club.

Her speech centered on her childhood pet parakeet named Giuseppe, who was trained to talk by Wray's Macedonian grandmother. Her grandmother learned to speak English after moving to New York City in the 1920s from her Jewish Russian neighbors.

As a result, the parakeet sounded just like Wray's grandmother: a mixture of Yiddish, Macedonian and New York City accents, repeating things that he overheard around the house as well as what was taught by Wray's grandmother.

Wray went on to compete in the Areas 21 and 23 Humorous Speech and Table Topic Contest in October



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Mary Ann Wray (left), a customer account specialist in Land Customer Operations, represented the DLA Land and Maritime Toastmasters Club in a district contest held in Columbus with a funny story about her pet parakeet. With her is her husband, Bob.

in Gahanna, where she also took first place.

Wray completed the DLA Corporate Intern Program in April. She and her husband of 34 years, Bob, who also works at DLA Land and Maritime as a quality assurance technician in Maritime Supplier Operations, reside in Pickerington.

All DLA associates are welcome to attend Toastmasters Club meetings and take advantage of the opportunity to improve their speaking and leadership skills. The club meets on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month. One hour of absorbed time is authorized for associates to attend.

FEW leader discusses interview techniques at Philadelphia event

From Federally Employed Women

A central Ohio Federally Employed Women leader spoke on ways to improve interviewing skills at a recent FEW Lunch and Learn event in Philadelphia.

The message from Arlena Fitch-Gordon, FEW's national executive vice president, covered the consequences of not enhancing interviewing skills, observations of interviewing techniques, looking for results and not responses, discussing whether or not the interviewee even wants the job and facing fears.

Her objectives were to enable participants to be able to determine what a successful interview is, focus on an interview as information-receiving (less threatening) and using the interview as an opportunity to sell themselves.

Fitch-Gordon also wanted to identify interviewing concerns through communication and feedback from participants, dispel



Arlena Fitch-Gordon

the myth that the interviewee must be the selectee in order for their interview to be considered successful, and help participants portray themselves the way they perceive themselves to be and feel totally satisfied with their appearance, mannerisms and conduct.

"Why have an interview?" she asked in opening her session. "Interviews are necessary because the interview is information-giving as well as information-seeking. The primary reasons are to find out what kind of person you are, to deter-

mine your personal qualifications, to determine whether you want the position, and to determine whether the selecting official wants you."

Fitch-Gordon presented the steps of preparing, presenting, evaluating and meditating as part of a good interview process.

"The interview will provide insight into your attributes, weaknesses and strengths," she said. "You will gain insight into the interviewer's expectations, attitudes and abilities."

In closing, Fitch-Gordon told participants, "Always prepare yourself to be interviewed at any time, always go to the interview with a positive attitude, always concentrate and present yourself favorably and in control."

"FEW's mission is to advance women in the federal workforce. You must have a successful interview in order to advance in your career. Hopefully, these techniques will assist you as you prepare yourselves for your next interview," she stated.