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## Martin wins Woodson award at Black History Month luncheon

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A DLA Land and Maritime associate was chosen from among eight federal employee nominees as the winner of the Carter G. Woodson Award during this year's Black History Month luncheon.

Flora Martin, a contract specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations, is a member of the DLA Land and Maritime African-American Employment Program committee and serves as a workplace chaplain, the role in which she gave the invocation for the luncheon, held Feb. 22 at the Whitehall Community Center.

Also recognized was community-at-large Woodson award winner G. Ajamu Brown, who recently retired from the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, where he worked to develop programs to help young men and women overcome addiction and mental health issues.

Among those making the award presentation to Martin and Brown was Paul Wells, Woodson's great-nephew.

In the community, Martin is the chief executive officer of the Rahel House for teenage offenders, serves as the prison ministry program director for the Refugee Baptist Church and has volunteered with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and St. Stephen's Community House.

Brown has also worked as an advocate in Ohio correctional institutions and devel-



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ABOVE: DLA Land and Maritime associate Flora Martin (center) receives the Carter G. Woodson award from DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClaugherty and guest speaker Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders (Ret.), a former DSCC commander. Martin was recognized at the annual Defense Federal Community Black History Month luncheon Feb. 22 at the Whitehall Community Center. RIGHT: G. Ajamu Brown (right), who recently retired as provider relations manager after 18 years with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, receives the community-at-large Carter G. Woodson award from McClaugherty during the luncheon.

oped numerous community programs with other service agencies and faith-based



institutions that have been instrumental in reaching out to young African-American

males. Guest speaker Air Force  
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DLA PHOTO BY BRETT WILLIAMS

Pam Latker (left), administers the DLA Corporate Intern Program for DLA Training on the DSCC installation. With her is Keyla Alvarado, a career program administrator.

### DLA Corporate Intern Program creating a new path to success

By Beth Reece

DLA Strategic Communications

Eric Hilinski was looking for a promotion when he left his job as a police officer at DLA Distribution in San Joaquin, Calif., for an entry-level position at DLA Disposition Services in San Joaquin. The starting pay was less than he already made, but the Air Force and Army National Guard veteran had a plan.

"I learned that 30 to 50 percent of DLA Disposition's workforce will be eligible to retire in the next few years, so it seemed like a good opportunity for me to get in and work my way up," he said.

With just four months on the job as a material examiner and identifier, Hilinski deployed to Kuwait in July 2010 to process excess and damaged equipment for troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Co-workers there told him about DLA's Corporate Intern Program, and in November 2010, he submitted an online application.

"This was the avenue of career progression that I was looking for," he said 10 months into the program.

Hilinski is one of more than 180 interns who started the two-year developmental program in February 2011. DLA has interns at 21 locations in more than 20 career fields – including contracting, engineering, finance, information technology, property disposal, supply and quality assurance – with progression from GS-7 to GS-11.

"A major reason people apply for the Corporate Intern Program is they know that it's structured, that they're going to develop in a career field and obtain what they need to be successful at the journeyman level. After interns complete the program, they have a variety of career options," said Pam Latker, who administers the program for DLA Training, part of DLA Human Resources Services in Columbus, Ohio.

DLA corporate interns are brought on board in February and July, and there are about 350 new interns each year. During the week-long orientation, interns learn about DLA, its mission and how the agency's various activities work together to support warfighters and other customers.

"From day one, we instill  
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## DLA signs \$1.1 billion tire contract

By John Foreman

DSCC Public Affairs Office

The U.S. military will have a steady supply of tires for aircraft and land vehicles for at least the next five years as a result of a \$1.1 billion contract recently signed by DLA Land and Maritime.

The agreement provides supply chain management of tires used by U.S. armed forces and Foreign Military Sales customers. Full supply chain support began Jan. 23 for aircraft tires and Feb. 14 for ground tires. The contract is for a base

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PHOTO BY NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS JAMES MITCHELL  
Navy sailors assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 97 change the tires on the nose landing gear of an F/A-18C Hornet aircraft aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) operating in the Indian Ocean. DLA Land and Maritime recently signed a \$1.1 billion contract with Science Applications International Corporation to provide supply chain management of tires used by U.S. armed forces and Foreign Military Sales customers.

## Officials break ground on public safety building to be completed in 2013

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A new 16,200-square-foot state-of-the-art building will replace the home of Defense Supply Center Columbus Emergency Services, which is currently a 69-year-old building (Building 48) that was a World War II mess hall.

A formal groundbreaking ceremony for the \$7.4 million structure was held Feb. 13 near the corner of Jackson Avenue and Roosevelt Lane.

Five years of patience and perseverance went into planning the new building, according to Patrick Wright, DLA staff director, Security and Emergency Services.

"It took the determination and hard work of a great team of professionals to see this project through," Wright said at the ceremony.

Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Participating in the ceremonial ground breaking for the new DSCC Public Safety Facility were (from left) DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, David Rambhajan, managing representative of the builder, Industria Paschen, Army Col. Luke Leonard, Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District commander, and DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn. The new 16,200-square-foot state-of-the-art building will cost \$7.4 million.

commander Col. Luke Leonard said, "You have the Corps of Engineers' full commitment behind this project. The Corps motto is 'Building Strong.'"

"I expect to see most of you back here in one year and one month with a pair of big, over-size scissors and a yellow

ribbon," Leonard told the assembled dignitaries and spectators.

Participating in the ceremonial breaking of ground were shovel-bearers DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K.

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## DLA director visits MRAP team in Afghanistan

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek discusses MRAP support with MRAP Sustainment Team leader John Pitcock, a DLA Land and Maritime associate, during Harnitchek's recent visit to Afghanistan. DLA's MRAP Sustainment Team is embedded with the warfighter at Bagram, Kandahar and Camp Leatherneck. The team troubleshoots issues and expedites parts for the fleet of MRAP vehicles operating in OEF. Harnitchek traveled across Southwest Asia Feb. 5-10 on his first visit to the area as DLA director. He observed the efforts of DLA employees at sites across Afghanistan and in Kuwait.

## Thank You

My family and I would like to thank the Civilian Welfare Council, DISA and all our friends and coworkers for all their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers and cards sent to us during the passing of my father. The support was deeply appreciated.

**Cindy and Scott Snyder**  
DLA Land and Maritime

My family and I wish to thank the Civilian Welfare Fund and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams for the flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers extended towards our family after the recent passing of my wife Molly Ann. Your kindness and generosity was very much appreciated.

**Todd Sheaf**  
DLA Land and Maritime

I would like to pass along my sincerest appreciation to all friends, associates and DSCC leadership during the passing of my parents. Your cards,

flowers, prayers and condolences were truly overwhelming and show the heart of this organization. There was an associate from DCSP who sent their well wishes, even though we had only exchanged a few e-mails prior. This is the mark of a spirit of esprit de corps that is very rare indeed. I am amazed everyday by the people that I am lucky enough to work alongside.

**Dennis Todl and family**  
DLA Land and Maritime

We would like to express our appreciation to DLA Land and Maritime, the Civilian Welfare Council and the Commander for your kind expressions of sympathy after the recent passing of our father and father-in-law, Tom Dever.

**Ken and Karen Blevins**  
DLA Land and Maritime

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy M. Courtright

Dorothy M. Courtright, 92, died Feb. 16 at Mill Run Gardens and Care Center in Hilliard, Ohio. Ms. Courtright was employed for 20 years at DCSC before retiring in 1992.

### Donald W. Cutler

Donald W. Cutler, 79, of Lewis Center, Ohio, died Feb. 14. Mr. Cutler was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and was retired from the Ohio Army National Guard and the Defense Logistics Agency in 1987 with 37 years of service to his country.

### Duane Joseph Erney

Duane Joseph Erney, 88, died Feb. 15. Mr. Erney was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from DSCC, where he worked in procurement.

### Andrew M. George Jr.

Andrew M. George Jr., 85, of Xenia, died Feb. 7 at the Georgetown Veteran's Home. Mr. George was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and retired after 35 years as a civil engineer from DESC.

### David M. Nessley Sr.

David M. Nessley Sr., 89, of Columbus, died Feb. 13 at The Woodlands. Mr. Nessley was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and was retired from DCSC after 30 years of service.

### Perry E. Rieder Sr.

Perry E. Rieder Sr., 77, of Newark, died Feb. 5 at the Selma Markowitz Hospice in Newark. Mr. Rieder was retired from Newark Air Force Base, where he had worked as a supervisor in quality assurance.

### Lillie Harris Roy

Lillie Harris Roy, 84, died Feb. 9. Ms. Roy was retired from DSCC after 30 years of service.

### Charles R. Stuck

Charles R. Stuck, 79, of Centerville, died Feb. 14 at Hospice of Dayton. Mr. Stuck was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and retired from DESC in 1987 after 36 years of service.

### Naomi Ruth Williams

Naomi Ruth Williams, 87, of Kettering, died Feb. 12. Ms. Williams was retired from DESC.

## Briefs

### DLA Hall of Fame nominations sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the DLA Land and Maritime Hall of Fame, which honors past associates for exceptional leadership, service, dedication to duty, and contributions to supporting the mission. Former associates of DSCC, Defense Construction Supply Center, Defense Electronics Supply Center and other DLA entities housed on the DSCC installation are eligible.

For more information, call Deb Perry at 614-692-5018. The nomination deadline is March 21 and the induction ceremony is scheduled for May 30.

### Installation associates can call for weather info

Associates on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation are reminded to

## It's A Date

### March 2012

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**MARCH 2** – Read Across America Day  
**MARCH 2** – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement  
**MARCH 11** – Daylight Savings Time begins

**MARCH 16** – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement  
**MARCH 17** – St. Patrick's Day  
**MARCH 20** – First day of spring  
**MARCH 30** – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement

call 614-692-1800 in the event of adverse weather conditions for updates on the status of the installation's operation.

If the center's operation is impacted due to weather, an update will be available at that number by 4 a.m.

### CPR AED classes available

Federal employees on the DSCC installation who would like to become certified in CPR and in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator can reg-

ister 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 in Building 20, C Pod basement, Room 006 and will be available on the following dates: 8:30 to 11:

30 a.m. March 6 and April 11 or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 6 and 14 and April 11 and 17.

### Ohio CPAs offering tax help to military

The Ohio Society of CPAs is offering free tax preparation services to Ohio military families this tax season.

From January through April, Ohio certified public accountants will volunteer to prepare 2011 tax returns for military personnel who are permanent residents of Ohio and currently deployed outside of the state.

Operation CPA is a partnership with the Ohio National Guard, and provides a valuable service to help ease the burden of deployment on Ohio military families.

To find an Operation CPA volunteer, call The Ohio Society of CPAs toll-free at 888-959-1212 or email [cpanswers@ohio-cpa.com](mailto:cpanswers@ohio-cpa.com).



## Hageman selected DISA Associate of the Quarter

Derek Hageman (right) receives the DISA Columbus Associate of the Quarter award from site director Rob Reed. Hageman is a service desk agent at DISA's GIG Infrastructure Services Management Center.

DISA PHOTO

## Woodson

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Maj. Gen. Mary L. Saunders (Ret.), the Defense Supply Center Columbus commander from 1998-2001, spoke to the theme of "Black Women in American Culture and History."

She briefly discussed famous African-American women of today and from the past and the courage they displayed.

Among the women she mentioned were C.J. Walker, who was born in 1867 and became the first black female millionaire in the U.S., Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman, who was born in 1892 and became the first black female airplane pilot

in the U.S., and Althea Gibson, a black female tennis player who was a worldwide star and broke numerous barriers in the 1950s.

"When you look at these women, the common theme that emerges is courage," she said. "They were game-changers. They brought honor to our country, not just their race, and they knew the value of education."

"Now, what are we going to do to encourage our young people to succeed," said Saunders, who retired from the Air Force in 2005 and is now the executive director of the Leadership Institute at Texas Women's University.

With global competition, "our young people have to

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**Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary L. Saunders (Ret.),**  
*Defense Supply Center Columbus commander from 1998-2001, speaking about "Black Women in American Culture and History"*

understand their competition might not be the person sitting next to them," she said.

"The world has changed and I am where I am because those women made it possible," Saunders told the audience. "We live in a great country but

it will not stay that way unless we all band together and keep it that way."

McKenna Hensley, a sixth-grader at Arts Impact Middle School in Columbus, recited the speech "I Believe" during the luncheon.

# Safety

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Williams, Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, David Rambhajan, managing representative of the builder, IndustriaPaschen, Leonard, and DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn.

The new building will house public safety administrative offices, a search and holding area, an arms vault and arms cleaning area, an exercise area, locker rooms, and rooms for training, conferences, evidence keeping, file and equipment storage. It will be built on the present parking area north of Building 47 (AAFES Shopette) with its front facing the fire station.

The fiscal 2011 Military Construction Project, which was initiated in 2006,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This is an artist's rendering of the new \$7.4 million 16,200-square-foot Public Safety Facility that will be built on the DSCC installation. It is expected to be completed by spring 2013.

is designed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards and DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards

for Buildings.

The Security and Emergency Services Division's current home, Building

48, built in 1943 as a mess hall, will be demolished after completion of the new building.

# Intern

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an enterprise view so our interns understand the DLA structure, its operations and how the pieces of the DLA puzzle fit together to create and sustain a cohesive, high-performing organization," Latker said.

Her staff provides program oversight, coordinates and schedules training requirements, collaborates with activities to address personnel mat-

ters, and partners with staff members at local intern centers. Intern training includes on-the-job assignments, cross training, rotational assignments and formal education that includes classroom and online training, conferences and seminars.

More than 2,100 interns have graduated from the program since it began in 2000.

"Our interns have become mentors and supervisors, serve in overseas assignments and work at DLA Headquarters creating policy," Latker said. "Sev-

eral have also become instructors and train current interns. We are pleased that our graduates have contributed so much to our DLA organization."

Keyla Alvarado began the intern program in 2005. She has since climbed to the grade of GS-12 and has gone from working in DLA Land and Maritime's Customer Operations Division to being a career program administrator for DLA Training.

"The intern program gave me an overview of the government and how we operate,

and a big-picture perspective of what DLA does to support the warfighter. The best part is the growth that you experience," she said. "The program enriched my career development. I was able to apply what I learned, and I feel like it's helped me progress quickly."

Having a degree in business helped Alvarado qualify for the program, but Latker said qualifications vary according to career field. Some positions have education requirements such as a bachelor's degree and coursework in a related field.

The program attracts a diverse workforce to the agency, Latker added. Applicants generally include college students, veterans and people with disabilities.

"It's great to see the diversity of people with multiple skill sets and different perspectives who enter careers with DLA through this program. The interns complement the agency, and as they progress in their careers, you're going to see them playing a major role in moving DLA forward and shaping logistics support to the warfighter," she said.

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# Williams thanks CFC leaders, workers at wrap-up breakfast

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams thanked everyone involved in the Central Ohio and West Virginia Combined Federal Campaign for their effort during last fall's campaign.

"Without you, this campaign would not be possible," said Williams, who served as chair of the campaign. "Since our kick-off last September, in my humble opinion, we really have accomplished something special in the last five months or so in central Ohio and West Virginia."

Williams, speaking at a Feb. 9 wrap-up breakfast event, said CFC helps federal employees "make things a little bit better for others who are less fortunate."

Although the nearly \$1.55 million raised fell short of the \$1.8 million goal, the campaign did have several noteworthy milestones, Williams said.

"We did reach 86 percent of our goal and that's certainly nothing to sneeze at," he said. "It will help a lot of charitable organizations and a lot of people."

"In light of the tough year we've had economically, I think our individual donors were just extraordinary," he added, noting that there were 4,390 total donors, the average donation per capita was \$66.47 and the average donor gift was \$347.65.

Williams said he heard from many people who said they wished they could donate more, and that some donors gave \$1 just so they could help CFC in some way.

"To those who wanted to contribute more but just couldn't get it done, we say thank you," he said. "That is the spirit upon which CFC was built."

Jim Likes of DFAS Columbus, the agency that will lead the 2012 CFC, said people "may say it's easier to pay forward when things are good, but I think we can all agree it's better to pay forward when times are tough, and that's when the need is greatest."

His goal for the 2012 cam-



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Tamara McCalla of the central Ohio United Way, the Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC's principal combined fund organization, thanks the 2011 CFC Loaned Executives during a Feb. 9 wrap-up breakfast. The LEs are (from left) Jodi Dwyer of DFAS Columbus, Janet Jackson of the VA Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va., Tamara Moore of DLA Finance Columbus, Mary Fancil of DLA Land and Maritime and Randy Nelson of the U.S. Postal Service. Not present was Karen Bennett of the DoD Office of Inspector General.



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

## CFC keyworkers thanked for effort at DLA Land and Maritime

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams and Executive Programs Office director Deb Perry (standing left) both thanked CFC keyworkers for their effort on the 2011 campaign during a wrap-up ceremony Jan. 30 in the Building 20 Buckeye Room. The \$351,000 raised was just short of the goal, but Williams said he was impressed by the overall enthusiasm for the campaign and told the workers they should be proud of their effort. Each keyworker received a certificate of recognition for their efforts to raise money for those less fortunate who need assistance. The ceremony ended with an opportunity for keyworkers to offer feedback on the campaign.

paign is for employees to understand the positive impact they can have on the local community through their CFC donations.

"It's important to remember

that the recipients of CFC donations are not asking for a bailout, but a hand up to help meet the basic necessities of life," he said.

During the breakfast, Tamara



DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, campaign chair for the 2011 Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC, thanks everyone for their hard work on the campaign.



Jim Likes of DFAS Columbus briefly discussed the goals for the 2012 Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC. DFAS will be the lead agency for this year's campaign.

McCalla of the central Ohio United Way recognized the loaned executives for the campaign and thanked them and members of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for their effort to reach out to federal employees and make them aware of CFC and its benefits. "CFC couldn't be what it is

today without their support and effort," she said.

Williams said the future of CFC is "very bright" and that he looks forward to a successful campaign this fall.

"You are doing work worth measuring and you will have an immeasurable impact on the local community," he said.

# Land and Maritime honors three leaders who support mission

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime associates Richard Matz, James Crum and Malinda Motley were recognized as Supervisors of the Month during a Jan. 30 Supervisors Call.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams thanked the three for their efforts in supervising other associates to meet the agency's mission of supporting the warfighter.

Matz, the Supervisor of the Month for October, leads 11 associates on the Vehicle Support 1 team in Land Supplier Operations who manage contracts for spare parts for Army and Marine Corps land vehicles.

Matz, who has worked for DLA for 10 years after retiring from the Air Force after a 20-year career, was recognized for leading a team that exceeded its goal of 300 contract actions per month despite the loss of personnel to promotions.



DLA PHOTO

ABOVE LEFT: Richard Matz, a supervisory contract specialist in Land Supplier Operations, was recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for October. ABOVE RIGHT: James Crum, a supervisory parts support specialist in Operations Support, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for November from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams. RIGHT: Malinda Motley, an acquisition supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for December from Williams.

"Under Mr. Matz's tenacious leadership and collaborative expertise, the team quickly identified risk and coordinated mitigation strategies to ensure that goals remained on target for attainment," according to nominator Kenneth Abrams. Matz, a Canal Win-

chester resident, said he believes in "letting employees know what's going on so they can have some buy-in and a voice on what's going on."

"I'm lucky to manage a team of experts who can work together and come up with good ideas and solutions to any issues that



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

come up," he added.

Matz has a master's degree in organizational business management from the University of Laverne in California and a bachelor's degree in human resources management from the New School for Social Research/Parsons School of Design

in New York City.

Crum, a supervisory parts support specialist in the Operations Support directorate, leads a team of 10 associates on the Parts Support and Standardization Branch who manage six different programs in support of the warfighter.

Crum, a Pataskala resident who has 25 years of federal service, was recognized for his roles in parts management across the DoD, Defense Standardization Program Office and Material Safety Data Sheet battery workload activities and addressing counterfeit and lead-free materials in weapon system designs and changes.

"Jim actively manages workload demands, meetings, training and personnel leave to ensure exceptional warfighter support," according to nominator Deborah Thompson.

His philosophy in leading others is to "treat them like your equal, listen and give the appropriate direction at times."

He has a bachelor's degree in industrial sys-

tems engineering from Ohio University, a master's degree in business administration from Ohio State University and a professional engineer's license.

Motley, an acquisition supervisor in Maritime Supplier Operations, manages 15 associates on the Raytheon and Switches Integrated Support Team who manage contracts for 120,000 National Stock Numbered items with Raytheon and other companies for the Patriot missile and other weapon systems.

Motley, a Pickerington resident who will reach 30 years of federal service in July, was recognized for her efforts to decrease the solicitation process from 90 days to 30 days and for incorporating ideas to improve daily business by utilizing reverse auctions, special pricing techniques and continuous process improvements.

"Malinda fully understands the plight of the warfighter and is committed to satisfying their needs," according to nominator Regina Westbrook.

# Local Army Reservist completes life goal by finishing road race

By Army Master Sgt. Dave Johnson  
412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne),  
Columbus, Ohio



Army Staff Sgt. Keith Winston Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When Army Staff Sgt. Keith Winston Jr. crossed the finish line of a road race in Washington, D.C., he completed one of his life's goals.

"At an Army promotion board in 2006, the command sergeant major asked me what my career goals are," Winston said. "I told him one goal

is completing the Army Ten-Miler before I retire." Winston held true to his goal completion. Determined, he started running four to six miles every day for the past five years.

"Pennsylvania Avenue was a great course," he said. "It is very scenic, with so much history to view all along the running route."

The next day, Winston saw

his personal Army career goal begin to take shape.

"I got really pumped up when I saw 30,000 runners at the starting line," he said. "The most motivating part is seeing the wounded warriors compete in the race. Soldiers with artificial legs and in wheelchairs compete. Nothing stops them."

Winston ran his first ten-miler with the usual aches and pains. There were some points in the race he wanted to reduce his pace to take it easy, but he saw the wounded warriors,

so slowing down was not an option.

"No matter how tired I became," he said, "when I saw a wounded warrior running, the adrenaline rush kicked in, and I kept pushing."

Winston stated he wants to be a part of the Army Ten-Miler in any capacity, either as a runner or as an assistant to a wounded warrior.

As a result of Winston's success, the commander for Headquarters Company, 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, suggested the

battalion form a team.

"It would be great to establish a team for the 412th," said 1st Lt. Bryan Smith. "I'd like to see 412th get a sponsor and send an entire team to Washington, D.C., next year."

Winston graduated from South High School in Columbus in 1995. After returning from deployment to Afghanistan in September 2010 with his previous Army unit, Winston transferred to the 412th CAB in Columbus, which was a homecoming for him.

# DSCC gets \$225,252 reward for energy conservation

Contributed story

The Defense Supply Center Columbus installation recently received a check from AEP Ohio for \$225,252 as a result of energy efficiency incentives the installation has implemented.

The check was given Jan. 26 to DSCC through American Electric Power's Ohio Business Incentives program, which is available to all non-residential customers. DSCC earned the incentives by making a series of improvements such as T5 and T8 lighting retrofits, replacing a 670-ton chiller, and by adding lighting controls such as lighting sensors, photo cells and time clocks. These projects will save more than 6 million kilowatts of electricity per year for an annual cost savings of more than \$325,000 (\$27,000 per month).

"Saving money is only one part of the equation," said Andy McCabe, AEP Ohio manager of Commercial and Industrial Programs, who joined AEP customer service engineer Tim Bray and AEP Outreach manager Angela Rybalt at the presentation at the weekly Command Staff Meet-



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DSCC recently received a check from AEP Ohio for \$225,252 as a result of energy efficiency incentives the installation has implemented. Pictured are (from left) DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, AEP customer service engineer Tim Bray, AEP Outreach manager Angela Rybalt and DSCC energy manager Steve Webster.

ing. "Reducing emissions, through increased efficiencies, also helps to protect the environment for future generations."

DLA Installation Support at Columbus (DS-FC) plans to use the money to expand the base energy management system, help fund base boiler replacement proj-

ects, and to help offset J6C costs for the expansion and utilization of its base wiring network that has been supporting DS-FC functions.

DS-FC's fiscal 2012 construction program includes at least three other projects that will result in more AEP incentive payments.

# DLA Operations Support associate to receive award for work on plating options

From the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office



Lisa Hoffer

An associate in DLA Land and Maritime's Operations Support directorate will be recognized at the Pentagon March 14 for her work to develop alternate materials for cadmium plating, which is considered a hazardous material on electrical connectors.

Lisa Hoffer, lead engineer for the Circular Connector Group, Interconnection Branch, Document Standardization Division, has been selected as the DLA winner of the Defense Standardization Achievement Award for her work. She will be honored in a ceremony at the Pentagon Hall of Heroes.

Hoffer, who has nearly 25 years of federal service, including time served in the U.S. Army, has been the primary DLA Land and Maritime focal point in support of DoD efforts for hazardous material minimization. Her contributions involve a significant standardization effort to develop alternative plating options that meet the same stringent corrosion resistance, system compatibility, durability and electrical performance requirements as the widely used cadmium finish.

Cadmium finish is a protective coating for metals that are susceptible to corrosion. Although cadmium finishes have proven to be very durable and non-corroding in the harsh environments commonly encountered by warfighters, exposure to cadmium is considered a health risk.

Hoffer's supervisor, Abdo Abdouni, said her efforts support the needs of military services for standard-

ization by providing reliable cadmium-free electrical connectors that meet performance needs.

"The end result will be thousands of new connectors for use in hundreds of demanding military systems," he said. "Her efforts preclude the costly piecemeal introduction of non-standard parts in an effort to achieve a similar end."

The standardized parts are expected to facilitate lower procurement costs, shorter lead times, increased operational readiness and a reduced footprint, Abdouni said.

"These standardized products will also facilitate competition among connector manufacturers," he said. "In addition, standard parts can be used across multiple platforms to achieve the goal of interoperability among the military services."

Hoffer, who has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Toledo, said she feels humbled by the award because she is one of many people who have been involved in the effort.

"I feel like I represent a whole group of people who have worked hard to come up with a less hazardous finish," she said.

Hoffer continues to be an integral member of an ad hoc group working on the issue that consists of DLA Land and Maritime, SAE International, and U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army document custodians, along with manufacturers representing ship, submarine and aircraft builders.

# Tire

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period of five years with one two-year option period.

DLA Land and Maritime, the Defense Logistics Agency's designated supply chain manager for tires located in Columbus, Ohio, signed the \$1.1 billion contract Sept. 22, 2011, with Science Applications International Corporation of McLean, Va. It is the largest contract in monetary value ever signed by DLA Land and Maritime.

The contract is now fully operational and being managed by DLA Land and Maritime's Land Supplier Operations directorate with support from the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate. Though supply chain management will be provided by SAIC, the Tires Team will use the DLA Enterprise Business System to record the requisition, write the delivery order, track tire purchases, monitor the technical aspects of the tires and interface with the military customer.

The contract, called the Tire Successor Initiative, includes both aircraft- and land-based vehicle tires. It is an ongoing initiative, resulting from the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005, which mandated commodity management privatization of tires.

With the signing of this contract,

SAIC is the supply chain provider of tires to all branches of the U.S. military, with oversight by DLA.

"SAIC will now be accomplishing all of the tasks related to supply, storage and distribution of aviation and ground tires," DLA Land and Maritime's Steve Rodocker said.

As deputy director of the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate, Rodocker oversaw the agreement from start to finish, or takeoff and landing, depending, of course, on the tires in demand.

DLA Land and Maritime will write contracts with tire manufacturers and distributors; in turn, DLA assigns ordering authority to SAIC for DLA's tires supply, Rodocker added.

"DLA Land and Maritime will provide the tire supply sources, but SAIC will be doing everything else," he said.

The military and tire industry worked together in reaching an agreement of such economic significance.

"I can't emphasize enough the level of cooperation provided from the services in developing this contract," Rodocker said. "It was phenomenal."

With help from the military, DLA put together the requirements and built a contract that met everyone's expectations, he added.

Rodocker also pointed out that the team received considerable

input from the tire industry.

"It was a huge, underlying goal to work with the tire industry, because we wanted to develop requirements that were consistent with the reality of the industry," he said.

Once the team garnered all of the information, it finalized the requirements for solicitation by developing the approach to evaluation. Because of the magnitude of the contract being solicited, the DLA team briefed the acquisition strategy to and obtained approval from the DLA Integrated Acquisition Review Board and OSD Peer Review Team. After the approval, the TSI solicitation was issued Nov. 30, 2010.

The team members involved in the contract were Rodocker, program manager Jeffrey Spratt, Tires IST Chief Phil Ludwig, contracting officers Jim Linard, Tom Bunnell and Ingrid Smith, and contract specialists Shaun Bunnell, John Hutcheson, Roy Pitman, Jonathan Sanders, Rebecca Parks and Karry Dohlen.

The team also received valuable assistance from Lori Archibald, Matt Harmon, Doug Dapo, Lilli Hopson, Mike Carraher, Al Closson, Marc Shepler, Rich Ferguson, Matt Geary and Susan McKee, who provided specialized assistance and insight in the areas of tire acquisition logistics, procurement laws, policies and regulations.

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