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## DLA employee among soldiers killed in action

From the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office

Among three Ohio National Guard soldiers who died April 4 in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom was a Defense Logistics Agency employee who worked on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Army Capt. Nicholas J. Rozanski, 36, a Dublin, Ohio, resident, worked for the DLA Human Resources Center. He had been a member of the Ohio National Guard since 2003 and was on his third deployment. He and his wife have two young daughters.

Brad Bunn, director of DLA Human Resources, said Rozanski was an intern assigned to the office that handles non-DLA human resources customers.

"He had a promising career with DLA, and he'll be missed," Bunn said.

The other two soldiers killed in the suicide bombing in Maimanah, the capital of the Faryab province, in northern Afghanistan were Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Hannon, 44, of Grove City, Ohio, and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Rieck, 46, of Columbus. In addition, five other Ohio National Guard soldiers were critically wounded in the same incident.

All of the soldiers were members of the Ohio Army National Guard's 37th Infantry Brigade

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## Women's History Month luncheon

# Merritt selected Woman of Year



Tanya R. Merritt (center), a DLA Land and Maritime Land Supplier Operations supervisor, receives the 2012 Central Ohio Defense Federal Community Woman of the Year Award from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig Gen. Darrel K. Williams (left) and DFAS Columbus site director Martha Smith (right) March 28 during the Women's History Month luncheon.

## Speaker discusses decline of education in America

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime associate Tanya R. Merritt has been selected the central Ohio Defense Federal Community Woman of the Year.

Merritt, a Land Supplier Operations supervisor, was honored along with eight other nominees at the March 28 Women's History Month luncheon held at the Whitehall Community Center.

"Women's history is indeed American history," DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell K. Williams said in his opening remarks that paid tribute to contributions by the female workforce.

Patricia A. Shields, deputy director of Maritime Supplier Operations, was the first runner-up while Mary E. Moore, who works in the Defense Finance and Accounting Ser-

vice Columbus director's executive support office, was the second runner-up.

Other nominees were DLA Land and Maritime associates Karen Boyles of the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate, Janis Bryant of Land Customer Operations and Navy Chief Petty Officer Ebony Pinnock of DLA Maritime Pearl Harbor, Foronda S. Hall of DLA Installation Support at Columbus, and Xandra Y. Wilson and Diane Malys of DFAS.

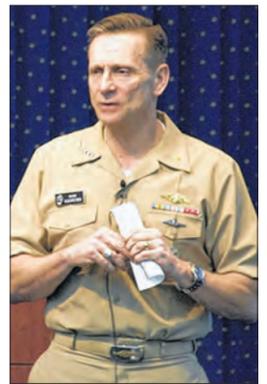
Merritt has served as a DLA Land and Maritime mentor for the past three years advising mentees in such areas as resource stewardship, leadership and customer service. She has also tutored kindergarten children, assisted in the local Meals on Wheels program and currently mentors underprivileged women in the community. She has earned a bachelor's degree from Park University and a

master's degree in business administration from Ohio Dominican University and is currently pursuing Level III certification in Lifecycle Logistics.

Among her current titles, Shields serves as a mentor in the Tier II and III mentorship programs, executive champion of the Culture Council and executive champion of the Supply Management Council. She is active in her church and academically, she holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Notre Dame University and a master's degree in applied statistics from Purdue University.

Moore came to DFAS in September 2010 as the director's secretary and in short time developed the first operations administrative assistants' offsite meeting. She is active in her church, both as a trustee and youth leader, and

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DLA PHOTO

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek speaks to employees during his second director's call April 3 at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

## Harnitchek: DLA to target \$10B in savings

By Beth Reece

DLA Strategic Communications

Defense Logistics Agency employees will work toward a savings goal of \$10 billion between fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2018, DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek said April 3 during his second director's call at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

"Our theme is going to be significantly improving performance to the warfighter while dramatically reducing cost. I would say \$10 billion in five years is pretty dramatic, and we're going to have to work pretty hard to get that," he said.

President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced a strategy to cut defense spending in January in which the Defense Department faces a \$500 billion budget cut over a 10-year span. DLA was charged with saving just over \$4 billion, but Harnitchek said he is asking employees to do better. The \$10 billion savings is expected to occur in two-percent increments beginning in fiscal 2014.

"What I'm asking all of you to do is help us figure out how we're going to

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# DLA striving to improve vendor compliance rate



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

DLA Land and Maritime acquisition executive Milt Lewis (left) watches as Steve Byus, a resolution specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations, demonstrates some of his job responsibilities. Lewis recently brushed up on his resolution specialist skills in order to help the Defense Logistics Agency better educate businesses how to stay in compliance with contract requirements.

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

DLA Land and Maritime acquisition executive Milt Lewis recently brushed up on his resolution specialist skills in order to help the Defense Logistics Agency better educate businesses how to stay in compliance with contract requirements.

Lewis spent about an hour at the work station of Steve Byus, a resolution specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations, learning about his job responsibilities.

Byus said he showed Lewis how resolution specialists han-

dle supply discrepancy reports that arise when non-compliant material is found in the supply chain.

"Mr. Lewis asked a lot of great questions," he said. "I'm glad I had the opportunity to help him understand the issues a little better."

Lewis said the session was very informative and helped him better understand the role of resolution specialists in helping resolve vendor compliance issues and their importance in warfighter support.

"Steve gave me an excellent demonstration of the tools he and the other resolution specialists use on a daily basis to

solve some very difficult supply support issues," Lewis said. "Our resolution specialists touch almost all of the functional disciplines in the buying process, contracting, technical, quality, packaging, finance, etc."

Adrienne McGeachy, the Lean Six Sigma deployment manager at DLA Land and Maritime, said vendor compliance issues are the focus of an enterprise Lean Six Sigma initiative and that resolution specialists play an important role in resolving vendor non-compliance discrepancies.

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# DFAS Columbus employees gather for meeting with director

By Micki J. Young  
DFAS Corporate Communications

The Building 20 auditorium on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation was filled to near capacity as recently appointed Columbus site director Martha Smith took

the podium. "I'm so glad to be back," she told the audience of Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus employees before introducing DFAS Director Terri McKay for her spring all-hands meeting. McKay welcomed the Colum-

bus employees and shared some trivia about DFAS senior leaders, including little known facts about who has driven a NASCAR, holds track and field records, and plays piano. She then recognized four individuals with coins for their outstanding contributions to

DFAS. They were:  
• Clinton Bennett of Operations, Enterprise Readiness Office, for ensuring smooth migration from legacy systems to the Enterprise Resource Planning system;  
• Patricia Sizemore from Internal Review for leading

a team from Internal Review that provided outstanding support to DFAS by conducting an audit survey of management's corrective actions for the public accounts payable material weakness;

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## Obituaries

### Ronald Joseph Farrell II

Ronald Joseph Farrell II, 57, of Marengo, died April 2 at his home. Mr. Farrell worked as an audit supervisor for HUD OIG.

### Inez Catherine Frederick

Inez Catherine Frederick, 87, died March 19 in Hoover, Ala. Ms. Frederick was retired from DCSC after more than 40 years of service.

### Lacy A. "Buddy" Kelly Jr.

Lacy A. "Buddy" Kelly Jr., 83, of Dayton, died March 16. Mr. Kelly was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict and retired from DESC in 1985.

### Lee H. Kemery

Lee H. Kemery, 78, of Heath, died March 23 at Licking Memorial Hospital. Mr. Kemery was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and retired as a computer systems analyst from Newark Air Force Base in 1988 after 36 years of service.

### Willitts "Bill" Earl Lenhart

Willitts "Bill" Earl Lenhart, 81, of Newark, died March 31 at the Selma Markowitz Hospice Care Center. Mr. Lenhart was a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired from Newark Air Force Base, where he was a section supervisor in the Directorate of Maintenance, Missile Product Division.

### Glenn Ray "Buddy" Lovejoy

Glenn Ray "Buddy" Lovejoy, 82, of Newark, died April 2 at his home. Mr. Lovejoy worked for 35 years for the Air Force, retiring from Newark Air Force Base in 1985.

### Lois C. Puttick

Lois C. Puttick, 68, died March 25. Ms. Puttick was retired from DCSC, where she worked as a contract specialist.

### Mary Lou (Noble) Ranke

Mary Lou (Noble) Ranke, 85, died March 29. Ms. Ranke was retired from DCSC after 20 years of service.

### Sophia P. Sharp

Sophia P. Sharp, 80, died March 27 at Regency Manor. Ms. Sharp was retired from DCSC.

### Eva F. Smith

Eva F. Smith, 74, died March 28. Ms. Smith served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from DCSC in 1992.

## Thank You

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Brig. Gen. Williams, the Civilian Welfare Council, and my friends and co-workers in the Maritime Supplier Operations directorate for the cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy with the recent passing of my father. We truly appreciated all of your support during this difficult time.

Mark Felton  
DLA Land and Maritime

To submit a thank you for publication in the Columbus Federal Voice, e-mail the thank you to [dla.land.and.maritime.publicaffairs@dla.mil](mailto:dla.land.and.maritime.publicaffairs@dla.mil).

## Briefs

### Shred Day set for April 19 on DSCC installation

In celebration of Earth Day, the DSCC Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office will hold a Shred Day event from 6 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19, at Building 16 on the DSCC installation.

The event is free to installation associates, who can drop off old documents and data disks for shredding.

Call 614-692-1420 for more information.

### Rodriguez is new director of DLA Installation Support

David Rodriguez has been named as the new director of DLA Installation Support.

Rodriguez previously served as the deputy chief of the Joint Logistics Operations Center. As director of DLA

Installation Support, he heads an organization that provides enterprise-wide policy, program and worldwide operational support in environmental management; safety and occupational health; property, plant and equipment;

## It's A Date

### April 2012

- CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
- APRIL 13 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement
- APRIL 17 – Administrative Professionals Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., DFAS Conference Center
- APRIL 22 – Earth Day
- APRIL 25 – Administrative Professionals Day
- APRIL 27 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement

### May 2012

- ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
- MAY 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- MAY 11 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement
- MAY 13 – Mother's Day
- MAY 18 – Central Ohio Armed Forces Day luncheon, 11 a.m., Villa Milano Restaurant and Conference Center
- MAY 19 – Armed Forces Day

installations management; security and emergency services; morale, welfare and recreation; and graphics. He is also responsible for directing administration of corporate policy for centralized management and support services of the agency.

Rodriguez, who officially became director March 27, retired from the Army in 2010 after a 27-year career.

### Dowd to be next director of DLA Logistics Operations

Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Dowd will be the next direc-



Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Dowd

tor of DLA Logistics Operations, Defense Department officials announced recently.

Dowd currently serves as commander of 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He will assume his new position in August.

As the commander of DLA Logistics Operations, Dowd will be responsible for end-to-end supply chain management of the agency's eight supply chains,

providing logistics and material process management policy, guidance, and oversight and monitoring supply chain performance.

He will replace Army Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyan, who will depart in June to become commander of the Army's Aviation and Missile Command in Huntsville, Ala.

### 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).

## Columbus associate receives award at Pentagon ceremony



DOD PHOTO

DLA Land and Maritime associate Lisa Hoffer (second from left) receives a Defense Standardization Program award plaque from Stephen Welby, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Engineering, during a March 14 ceremony in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. With them are (from left), Hoffer's supervisor, Abdo Abdouni, DLA Land and Maritime Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett, DLA Departmental Standardization Officer Bill Lee and James O. Jobe, chief of Product Assurance (DLA J-33). Hoffer, an engineer in the Operations Support directorate, was recognized for her work to develop alternate materials for cadmium plating, which is used on electrical connectors in numerous weapon systems but considered a hazardous material. 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.

## DLA Land and Maritime has close ties to Bronze Star recipient



DLA PHOTO

Army Lt. Col. Bill Galbraith (right), G4 of the 1st Cavalry Division, is awarded the Bronze Star by retired Army Col. Bruce Perry Crandall. Galbraith's unit works closely every day with DLA Land and Maritime personnel in supporting the RC East sector of Afghanistan. Members of the MRAP Sustainment Team and DLA Support Team-Afghanistan are embedded within Galbraith's office in Bagram, Afghanistan. Crandall is a retired officer who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam during the Battle of Ia Drang. During that battle, he flew 22 missions into enemy fire in an unarmed helicopter to deliver ammunition and supplies and to evacuate the wounded. By the end of the Vietnam War, he had flown more than 900 combat missions.

## Savings

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do this," he said, adding that employees must adopt a judicious mentality when spending money.

"I'm not asking you to be cheap or to short the customer, but to figure out a way to have something that cost \$1 last year cost 80 cents this year," he continued.

To achieve the savings, the agency must build stronger relationships with suppliers, Harnitchek said. On March 30, DLA's senior leaders outlined the savings objective to subsistence providers, who account for about \$5 billion of the \$40 billion DLA conducted in sales during fiscal 2011.

DLA leaders plan to hold similar discussions with sup-

pliers of other supply chains, he said. The expanded use of long-term contracts for high-demand material is also expected to contribute to the savings.

"Whether private industry is selling us peanut butter, bananas, pharmaceuticals or repair parts that go on a submarine, you don't get the best deal with one-year contracts," the director added.

Other strategies may include improving inventory management. The agency currently has about \$13 billion worth of inventory considered excess by the military services, he said.

"I think we could take a crack at not buying less, but buying the right stuff and then when we find out what we don't need, get rid of it," Harnitchek said. "We're going to work with the services to buy more of the right stuff and less of the

wrong stuff."

Harnitchek also shared his impressions of the work he witnessed being done by DLA employees in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain, as well as DLA Pacific employees.

"What struck me was how many people we have out there, some of them on their fourth and fifth deployment," he said, adding that most of them were deployed from DLA Troop Support, DLA Land and Maritime, DLA Aviation, DLA Energy and DLA Disposition.

Harnitchek then thanked employees for the response to the new "Direct Channel" blog, which debuted in early March. He said he will continue to use the blog to write about everything from what's happening across DLA activities to topics that interest him personally as long as employ-

ees continue adding their comments.

"This is not just for me; it's for everybody who wants to participate," he added.

In response to two recent cases of discrimination and harassment that occurred within DLA, Harnitchek warned employees that the agency has a zero-tolerance policy.

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of us treat each other with respect. For that little fraction of folks that still don't get it, that think they can use their position to treat people badly, to discriminate based on age, race or creed, and sexually harass people. ... For those folks that think they can get away with it, I have news for you: You can't," he said.

The director encouraged employees who think they have been discriminated against or harassed to report it.

# Woman

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serves her community by assisting at a local food pantry.

After the awards presentation, guest speaker Vickie Person explored reasons why the United States seems to lag so far behind other nations in education. As assistant professor at Governors State University in University Park, Ill., she said that higher teachers' salaries aren't the answer.

"I'm a strong proponent of higher teachers' salaries," but "we're making more money than ever and scores have gone down," she said.

Person, a former DFAS Columbus employee, pointed to the importance of discipline, equality and responsibility in American education. She said that when "someone encounters the joy of learning it becomes a drive that never ends." Person also feels that a major factor in the decline came when prayer in schools was outlawed in 1962.

When prayer was taken out of schools "scores went down and violence went up. Do you think this is a coincidence?" she asked the crowd of 165.

"We have 'In God We Trust' on our money ... each president is sworn in on the Bible — so why



Women's History Month guest speaker Vickie Person explored reasons why the United States seems to lag so far behind other nations in education.

DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

can't we pray in school?"

A Columbus, Ohio, native, Person received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. She received a doctorate degree in ethical leadership from Olivet Nazarene.

In conjunction with this year's Women's History theme "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment," Broadleigh Elementary School fifth-graders were asked to write about the "one person in

their lives who empowered them the most." Essay winner Louisa Badu wrote about "my gifted and talented teacher," while first runner-up Miniya Farley told about her mother, "one of the people that got me to where I am now." Second runner-up Jemeila Hunter wrote about her grandmother, who "has made an impact on my education."

The Columbus School for Girls Choir sang the national anthem and several other selections and the Fort Hayes Jazz Band also performed.

# Vendor

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Byus said resolution specialists "make sure there's a clear, concise disposition on an issue.

"We're the last review, common sense check" before discrepancy reports are closed and material is sent back to the depot or customer once it's been brought into compliance, he said.

The primary goal of the enterprise vendor compliance initiative is to reduce the amount of "frustrated" material due to non-compliance, McGeachy said.

"We want to prevent contracts from going into litigation (for administrative non-compliance)," McGeachy said. "We want to increase vendor awareness and understanding so that delays are minimized."

The enterprise team held a meeting March 27-29 at DLA Distribution in New Cumberland, Pa., at which representatives from a number of DLA field activities discussed vendor compliance issues.

The meeting focused on vendor education efforts and how to work with small businesses to help them better understand DLA's packaging requirements, McGeachy said, adding that a big issue with vendor compliance involves packaging and labeling compliance and Radio Frequency Identification issues. The team toured DLA Distribution warehouses containing "frustrated" material and mapped the receiving process.

McGeachy said the vendor compliance effort is a follow-on to last year's Condition Code L initiative, which focused on why contracts were hung up in litigation for lengthy periods of time and which eventually saved the agency \$200 million.

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# Workshop focuses on effective business communication

By Mislin A. Perez-Fernandez

DLA Columbus EEO Hispanic Employment Program Public Affairs Liaison

A recent presentation on “Effective Business Communication” addressed basic information techniques and best practices for communications within a business setting or organization for local federal employees who attended.

The workshop was the fourth in the “Professional Enhancement Series” sponsored by the DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office’s Hispanic Employment Program and the Morale, Welfare and Recreational Office. About 35 people participated to boost their professional growth.

Workshop speaker Rochelle V. Anderson, chief of the Land Division in the DLA Land and Maritime Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate, told the audience about business writing, why it is important, writing abilities and causes of poor writing, and what to do to become a better writer.

“People who make important decisions sometimes rely in the things we write. It can be a matter of life or death situation,” she said. “For that reason,



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Rochelle Anderson, a DLA Land and Maritime associate, discusses “Effective Business Communication” during a workshop in the Building 20 auditorium.

you have to take the time to review what you write. Your success relies on getting your message across to your audience in an effective way.”

Poor, ineffective or ambiguous writing can harm people, Anderson said, adding that the causes of poor writing include ignoring the reader, a lack of professional pride and/or confidence, and inexperience. In becoming a better writer, she mentioned four things that need to be considered: 1. Purpose (inform, persuade, teach or record); 2. Scope (How much information to be included?); 3. Contents (What kind of information is needed to accomplish your goals?); and 4. Constraints (How much time you have?).

Anderson, who also is an English and communication instructor at Park University’s branch on the DSCC installation, mentioned how important is to identify the audience, whether it’s people who don’t care, an expert looking for details and facts, an executive who wants to get to the point, or a user who will use the information being sent, or mixed.

“Consider your reader expectations, keep it simple, be clear and do not use challenging words,” she said, adding the goal should be to include enough information to keep a reader’s interest, but not so much that it wastes their time.

During the workshop, Anderson also discussed the politics of business writing, such as giv-

ing important information to important people first, sending a memo to the right person, addressing one topic per email message, being concise, not sending e-mail when angry, and avoiding sexist language.

“Stay in your lane; always ask if you are not sure,” she said.

The last seminars in the “Professional Enhancement Series” include a session on “Cultural and Personality Differences That Affect Teamwork” with speaker Linda Gunn will be begin at noon April 27. It will examine the effect that differences have on teamwork and ways to diminish negative impact.

A seminar on “Diction: Pronunciation and Enunciation” with speaker Kathi Cennamo is May 29. It will help attendees improve speech clarity and distinctness.

All seminars are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in the Building 20 auditorium. Associates can register online at [www.dscemwr.com/semnar](http://www.dscemwr.com/semnar).

For more information about the Professional Enhancement Series, call HEP manager Maria Buch Castillo at 614-692-9704 or MWR Relocation Assistance Program manager Lisa Passalacqua at 614-692-7220.

## Director

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- Larry Hoffman from Information and Technology who was instrumental in the planning, database file transfer, and the rebuild and monitoring of the process throughout the EBIZ annual close processing; and

- Joe Maus from Enterprise Solutions and Standards who did an outstanding job leading efforts to create and implement an automated process for defense agencies to electronically submit contracts and achieve full electronic work counts for the first time.

McKay also recognized



DFAS PHOTO BY MICKI YOUNG  
DFAS Director Terri McKay (left) presents a certificate of recognition to DFAS Columbus employee Pam Cmar for earning her Black Belt certification during a March 23 all-hands meeting in the Building 20 auditorium.

Black Belts Pam Cmar and Jason Haskins for their recent achievement in obtaining certifications.

As she continued her presentation, the director also touched on several topics ranging from

the annual customer service survey, where DFAS increased in all nine survey dimensions, to innovation and cost savings initiatives.

McKay briefly discussed social media and its role in DFAS — specifically that the Columbus site would be receiving complete access in April. She advised employees to “use it wisely and be responsible,” as employees approach this new technological tool.

“Thank you for the work you do all year round for our customers,” she said in closing. “We can’t rest on our laurels; we have lots of challenges ahead.”

The all-hands meeting ended after a few questions from employees.

## Soldiers

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Combat Team, which is on a year-long deployment to Afghanistan pri-

marily to train members of the Afghan National Police.

“We ask a great deal from our soldiers, and these young men who have given their lives in the name of freedom will

never be forgotten,” Ohio Adjutant General Army Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenurst said.

**Editor’s note:** *The DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.*

# Land and Maritime associate busy with deployments, promotion

**By Dan Bender**  
DLA Land and Maritime  
Public Affairs Office

The deputy director of Maritime Customer Operations in DLA Land and Maritime recently participated as the lead logistician in the U.S. Navy's largest amphibious exercise in a decade.

Debbie Haven, who participated in her role as a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, is also heading to the Middle East this spring on a six-month deployment with the Navy Reserve, and this fall will be promoted to rear admiral.

From Jan. 30 through Feb. 12, Haven served as the lead logistician for the Combined Forces Maritime Component Command for Bold

Alligator, the Navy and Marine Corps' largest joint and multi-national amphibious assault exercise in the past 10 years. The exercise involved two submarines, 25 ships, 120 aircraft and 20,000 sailors and Marines, along with forces from eight other countries.

She spent those two weeks at the Navy Warfare Development Center in Norfolk, Va., coordinating support for critical parts needed by the ships participating in the exercise.

"We worked both real requirements and synthetic training that was injected into the process to help prepare for future contingencies," she said. "It was a good synergy between my civilian



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE HAVEN  
Navy Reserve Capt. Debbie Haven, the civilian deputy director of Maritime Customer Operations in DLA Land and Maritime, recently served as lead logistician for the Combined Forces Maritime Component Command for the Navy's Bold Alligator exercise. With her are Marine Corps Col. Mike Valore (left), her deputy at CFMCC, and Marine Corps Col. "Buck" Liberto, the CFMCC chief of staff.

and Reserve skills and knowledge."

Bold Alligator was a live and synthetic, scenario-driven, simulation-supported exercise with a focus on revital-

izing Navy and Marine Corps amphibious expeditionary tactics, techniques and procedures. It involved planning and executing a Marine Expeditionary Bri-

gade-sized amphibious assault from a seabase in a medium land-and-maritime threat environment to improve naval amphibious core competencies.

Haven said her participation helped her better understand how important DLA's support is to U.S. armed forces.

"I saw that getting parts to the ships in a timely manner is important. If you don't, all kinds of second and third-level impacts can occur," she said. "It's a big deal. It's not just a contract; it's a ship getting underway; it's a sailor or getting what he needs to get the job done."

Haven, who has 16 years of service with DLA and 24 years with the Navy Reserve, will

be heading to Qatar in April for a six-month deployment, during which she will serve as chief of staff at the U.S. CENTCOM Joint Theater Support Contract Command.

"It will be a new experience for me," said Haven, who has deployed in the past to Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain with the Navy Reserve. She has already left her job with DLA to undergo a month of training before her deployment.

In October, she will be promoted to rear admiral in the Navy Reserve.

"It's quite an honor," Haven said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity and a new role and being able to continue in the logistics field but at a different level."

# Supply planner selected Associate of Month

**By Dan Bender**  
DLA Land and Maritime  
Public Affairs Office

A supply planner in Maritime Supplier Operations was recently recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Associate of the Month for January.

Tiffany A. Cullens, who has worked for DLA for nearly four years, was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during a March 29 presentation at her work station.

As a member of the Active Devices Team, Cullens supports items such as circuit boards, electronics, microcircuits and reactors.

She enjoys her job

because "it allows you to understand whole-sale supply chain management and in order to be successful you need to understand what each part of the supply chain does."

"Your ultimate role is acting as a problem solver in order to determine why a particular part is unavailable, whether it's a quality issue or a supply issue, for example," she added.

"What we do here is very important to our service members," said Cullens, who served for six years on active duty as an Army logistics officer and achieved the rank of captain before completing her service obligation.

Her supervisor, Vernace



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Tiffany Cullens, a supply planner in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Associate of the Month award for January from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during a March 29 presentation at her work station.

Anderson, lauded Cullens for her work performance and commitment to team effort.

"She formulates effective strategies to anticipate potential obstacles expected with current

business practices so that support objectives are not compromised," Anderson stated. "Managing a complex range of items, her measured performances consistently exceed expectations."

She noted that Cullens voluntarily completed the Level I and II mentoring programs to gain insight into the DLA vision, culture and enterprise logistic strategies and that she regularly volunteers to mentor and coach interns to help transition them into their work roles.

Cullens thanked Anderson for nominating her for the award and "for allowing me to jump in and learn the business as I volunteered for different projects."

Cullens was born in Atlanta and spent her childhood living on military bases in Georgia and Germany. She has a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in communications from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga.

Away from work, she is involved in literacy promotion projects in the greater metropolitan Columbus area as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., an international public service organization. She also enjoys traveling, health and wellness activities, and spending time with her 9-year-old twin sons.



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**ABOVE:** Among the clinic sessions that will be offered at the Eagle Eye Golf Course this spring is one that focuses on improving putting techniques. **BELOW:** Golf lessons begin April 18 at the Eagle Eye Golf Course on the DSCC installation.

# Eagle Eye offering golf clinics for all levels of play

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Golf lessons begin April 18 at the Eagle Eye Golf Course on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

The first round of beginner lessons is April 18 through May 16 (4:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays), followed by another beginner's session May 22-June 19 (5-7 p.m. on Tuesdays) and a third session July 12-Aug. 9 (5-7 p.m. on Thursdays). The fees are \$150 for singles and \$275 for couples.



Intermediate sessions are April 28-May 25, June 1-29 and July 20-Aug. 17 (all are 5-7 p.m. on Fridays).

One-club clinics will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. on the following dates: May 14 (putter), May 21 (wedge), May 28 (driver)

June 4 (short irons), June 11 (long irons) and June 18 (fairway woods). Fee for each class is \$30.

Five-play punch cards are available for \$48 to installation associates. That's a savings of \$12 off the regular per round cost.

## DLA director visits Pearl Harbor detachment



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During his mid-March visit to DLA facilities in Pearl Harbor, DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitckek (center) stopped at the DLA Land and Maritime detachment for a review of business operations and meet associates. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams (sixth from left), Maritime Customer Operations director Navy Capt. Rachel Fant and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard deputy commander Navy Capt. Larry D. Hill were also part of the visit. During the visit, Williams presented several awards and recognitions, including one to the Hazmat Inventory Team and Associate of the Month recognition to Juanito Liwanag. He also presented a certificate to detachment associate Navy Chief Petty Officer Ebony Pinnock in recognition of her nomination for a Carter G. Woodson Award. Pinnock was also awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal by Williams for personal and professional accomplishments from April 2010 to March 2012.

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