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Associate retires after 52 years

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A DLA Land and Maritime associate who recently retired after 52 years of service said she plans to catch up on her rest now that she doesn't have to come to work every day.

Lorraine Spruill was working as a contract specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations when she retired March 30. She had been working at DLA Land and Maritime since 1962, when the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation was known as the Columbus Army Depot.

"I'm just going to enjoy being lazy," she said of her retirement plans. "It's nice when Monday rolls around and I don't have to get up to come to work."

Spruill began her federal career in January 1960 as a secretary typist with the Department of Navy, Bureau of Aeronautics, in Washington, D.C. Her former husband was serving in the Army at Fort McNair at the time.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Lorraine Spruill laughs during her visit with DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams at an April 13 ceremony to recognize her 52 years of federal service. Spruill retired March 30 as a contract specialist in Maritime Supplier Operations.

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DLA, major customers meet to discuss sales opportunities

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Representatives from the Defense Logistics Agency and its major military customers met in Columbus April 12 to discuss streamlining procedures related to foreign military sales and capitalizing on opportunities in that area.

The one-day Foreign Military Sales summit involved several dozen representatives from DLA headquarters and various field activities, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Transportation Command and DLA FMS customers including the Army



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DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams welcomes attendees to a Foreign Military Sales summit held April 12 in the Command Conference Room. Among those listening were Renee Mosher (foreground) of Army Material Command, Land Customer Operations director Army Col. Jeff Vieira and Maritime Customer Operations director Navy Capt. Rachel Fant.

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New DLA Installation Support Director David Rodriguez (standing right) talks with DLA Installation Support at Columbus associates during an April 17 meeting in the Building 11 auditorium on the DSCC installation. Rodriguez, a retired Army colonel, became the DLA Installation Support director in late March and is meeting with associates at all DLA field activities in his first months on the job.

New DLA Installation Support director visits DSCC for meetings with associates

From the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The new director of Defense Logistics Agency Installation Support spent the day in Columbus April 17 to meet with associates and discuss his plans and expectations with them.

David Rodriguez became the new DLA Installation Support director March 27. He previously served as the deputy chief of DLA's Joint Logistics Operations Center, where he supported the center's mission to integrate DLA's adaptive planning process, execute support of Defense Department operations and exercises worldwide, manage DLA's readiness reporting, and perform command and control functions during contingency operations.

At a town hall meeting with associates during his visit to Columbus, Rodriguez discussed his background, his vision and leadership philosophies, expectations for DLA Installation Support employees and what he will be focusing on during the next 30 to 90 days before answering questions.

Rodriguez, who retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel in 2010 after a 27-year career, said he hopes DLA Installation Support under his leadership will embrace Army values such as loyalty, duty and respect, approach and resolve issues and challenges as a team and create a work environment for success.

As director of DLA Installation Support, Rodriguez heads an organization that provides enterprise-wide

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OHIO NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO

Paramedics prepare to transport a civilian contractor via helicopter to the hospital after he suffered a heart attack while working on a building rooftop at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

National Guard soldiers use AED, swift action to save man's life

By Army Staff Sgt. Peter Kresge

Ohio Army National Guard Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment proved the effectiveness of their Automated Electronic Defibrillator and training they had previously received, when a civilian contractor who had been working on the unit's rooftop at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base went into cardiac arrest recently.

Army Maj. Wayne Thomas, 1-137th admin-

istrative officer, reacted to shouts for help from the workers and found the contractor without a pulse and not breathing. First Sgt. Jose Camacho, Headquarters and Headquarters Company first sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Neal Thompson, training noncommissioned officer for Company E, 1-137th Aviation, climbed to the roof to assist.

"When I got there, the guy was purple, so we started chest compressions," Camacho said.

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Obituaries

Sandra Lee Bates

Sandra Lee Bates, 70, of Dayton, died April 13. Ms. Bates worked at DESC from 1979-1992 and retired in 1994 from DFAS Columbus, where she was a financial systems specialist.

M. Lauribel Clark

M. Lauribel Clark, 92, died April 5. Ms. Clark was retired from DCSC.

Anna Louise Dotson

Anna Louise Dotson, 62, of Newark, died April 13 at The Ohio State Medical Center in Columbus. Ms. Dotson was retired from Newark Air Force Base.

Wilbert Lash

Wilbert Lash, 93, died April 3. Mr. Lash was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired in 1990 from DCSC after 43 years of service.

Lillian J. Parsley

Lillian J. Parsley, 83, died April 17. Ms. Parsley was retired from DCSC.

Robert "Bob" E. Rhodes

Robert "Bob" E. Rhodes, 81, died April 13. Mr. Rhodes was a U.S. Air Force veteran and held many civilian positions with the federal government before retiring as deputy director for DLA in 1984.

Samuel "Sammy" Stephens

Samuel "Sammy" Stephens, 72, of Trotwood, Ohio, died April 3 at his residence. Mr. Stephens formerly worked at DESC.

Fred W. Tilley

Fred W. Tilley, 76, of Columbus, died April 6 at Mt. Carmel West Hospital. Mr. Tilley was U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force veteran and a retired firefighter from Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

Mark F. Wilkus

Mark F. Wilkus, 63, of Centerville, Ohio, formerly of Columbus, died April 6. Mr. Wilkus was retired from DCSC.

Joan W. Will

Joan W. Will died April 9 at The Wexner Center in Columbus. Ms. Will was retired from DCSC.

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policy, program and worldwide operational support in environmental management; safety and occupational health; property, plant and equipment; 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, a native of Brooklyn, has served with DLA in multiple leadership positions since July 1992, including as commander of DLA Distribution in Tobyhanna, Pa., from 2001-03 and as the interim commander of DLA Disposition Services in Battle Creek, Mich., for four months from October 2005 until February 2006 as that organization's 21st and final military commander.

Briefs

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 register for a class by calling the Health Unit in Building 21 at 614-693-5104.

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

Classes will be held in Building 20, C Pod basement, Room 006 and will be available on the following dates: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 8 and 23, June 7 and 19 and July 10 and 19 or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 23, June 19 and July 19.

FEA awards luncheon set for May 10

The Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio is celebrating its 35th Annual Excellence in Government Awards Program. It will recognize individual and team performance in many award categories from among nominees from numerous government agencies in central Ohio.

Winners and runner-ups will be recognized during the annual luncheon scheduled for Thursday, May 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Villa Milano located at 1630 Schrock Road.

It's A Date

April 2012

• **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**
APRIL 25 – Administrative Professionals Day

APRIL 27 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement

May 2012

• **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

MAY 5 – Cinco de Mayo

MAY 6-12 – Public Service Recognition Week

MAY 10 – FEA Excellence in Government Service awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Villa Milano Restaurant and Banquet Center

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

MAY 23 – Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

MAY 25 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20, Pod C basement

MAY 28 – Memorial Day holiday

MAY 30 – DLA Land and Maritime Hall of Fame induction ceremony, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

Food collection drive will be held in July

DLA Land and Maritime will participate in the Feds Feed Families 2012 Food Drive Campaign during July this year. DLA Land and Maritime previously participated in Operation Feed in the spring.

Feds Feed Families is much like Operation Feed with donations going to local food banks. The major difference is the time of year in which food is collected.

During the summer months, food banks traditionally encounter lulls in the level of giving. To help the food pantries stock up to meet critical needs for their services, DoD installations will be collecting non-perishable food donations

during the summer.

Volunteers will still be needed to assist with the campaign. Call Vern Shaw at 614-692-8886 for more information.

Chillicothe VA Medical Center director moving on

Chillicothe VA Medical Center director Jeffrey Gering has accepted a position as director of the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Gering has served as director of the Chillicothe VA since November 2007.

During his tenure, Gering began a graduate medical education program in psychiatry, expanded the residency program in pharmacy and started a clinical psychology residency program that is to start

this year. The Chillicothe VA campus has pursued a multi-year capital improvement plan that has resulted in more than \$175 million in construction dollars for renovation of most of the clinical areas. In the last year, the facility has opened two completely renovated community living centers, a new diagnostic center, and a newly remodel urgent care and welcome center.

Government meeting group seeking new members

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals' Buckeye Chapter is looking for new members.

SGMP is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to improving the quality of, and promoting the cost-effectiveness of, government meetings. SGMP has 3,500 members in 33 chapters nationwide offering education, networking and resources.

To get more information about the local chapter, contact SGMP vice president Shanna Draper at 614-203-9248, or email shanna.draper@Marriott.com.

Through its partnership and affiliation with the Convention Industry Council, SGMP is recognized as a leader in the meetings and hospitality industry. SGMP provides the largest forum for education and networking within the unique and diverse market of the government meetings industry.

Wadge bids farewell to Columbus; moves on to DFAS Cleveland



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Navy Capt. Roland Wadge (right) receives a memento from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during an April 11 Permanent Change of Station ceremony for Wadge. Currently the director of the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate since September, Wadge arrived at DLA Land and Maritime in September 2008 as the director of Maritime Supplier Operations. He is leaving to take a position at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service office in Cleveland. Williams also presented the Defense Superior Service Medal to Wadge, who also received other mementos and well wishes for "fair winds and following seas" from dozens of friends and co-workers who attended the PCS ceremony.

Albany associates celebrate federal service anniversaries



DLA PHOTO

Several associates in the DLA Land and Maritime –Albany detachment recently celebrated service anniversaries with the federal government. Detachment commander Marine Corps Marine Maj. David Laughlin presents a cake to celebrate with associates (from left) Jerome Reeves, who was marking 20 years of service, Evelyn White, who was marking 40 years of service, and Mike Rush, who celebrated 25 years of service.

Sales

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Security Assistance Command, Air Force Security Assistance Center and Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon System Support.

In welcoming participants, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams pointed out that, "we collectively want to improve our foreign military sales business."

"We know there are some areas in which we can improve support" and the summit provided an opportunity to get a "full perspective" from all the major players on how to do that, the commander said.

Navy Capt. Rachel Fant, director of Maritime Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime, said the summit brought together agencies affecting the breadth of FMS. This allowed all partic-

ipants the opportunity to understand each area from case development to delivering the material to the FMS customer and the issues involved.

The goals of the summit included providing a collective understanding of the FMS program, a better understanding of how DLA supports the its FMS customers and identifying opportunities to improve that support as well as improving communication between the parties involved.

"We need your help to better understand what the FMS program means to the federal government," Williams said to attendees. "At the end of the day, this is really about international relations" and supporting countries that rely on the U.S.

"We are energizing an existing relationship," Williams said.

The summit included an overview briefing of the FMS program from Kidd Manville, strategy deputy for policy for DSCA, and briefings from various military service customers on

future issues and opportunities. Those speaking included Rick Amos from the Air Force Security Assistance Center, Russ Neydl from the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, Ray MacWilliams assistant deputy commander for international programs at NAVSUP and Army Lt. Col. Jason Figueiredo from CENTCOM, who discussed FMS in the CENTCOM AOR.

"We're spread across the world and a lot of different countries," Manville said, noting that FMS has increased from about \$12 billion a year from fiscal 2000 to 2005 before taking off and reaching more than \$30 billion the last four years, including a record \$38 billion in fiscal 2009. Sales for the current fiscal year could set a new record due mostly to a large sale of F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

"This is about way more than selling parts," Williams said. "We have to think about U.S. strategic relationships with these countries. It's another big reason we're all here today."

Retires

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The couple came to Columbus, where Spruill began as a secretary and worked her way up the ranks, retiring as a GS-11 contract specialist supporting various spare parts for Navy ships.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Dar-

rell Williams recognized Spruill and her years of service during an April 13 presentation in his office. During the presentation, Williams noted that in 1960, the year Spruill began her federal career, Sen. John F. Kennedy was elected U.S. president, the U.S. Army promoted Elvis Presley to sergeant, the Ohio State men's basketball team defeated California 75-55 in the NCAA championship game, the average cost of a

new home was \$12,700, the average annual salary was \$5,315, gasoline cost 25 cents a gallon and hamburger cost 45 cents a pound.

Fatigue related to health issues, including an open heart surgery in 2010, was a primary reason for Spruill's decision to retire.

"It all starts to take a toll on you," she said.

One of the biggest changes Spruill lived through in her career

was the arrival of computers and their impact on the workplace.

"When I first started here, we had to do our worksheets by hand. We even had to fill out purchase requests by hand," she said. "Back then nothing was computerized and you had to figure everything by hand; now you just push a button and it all pops up on your computer screen."

Spruill was born in Connecticut, where her father was serving

in the U.S. Navy at the time, but the family moved back to Columbus, where her father was from, when she was a baby. She graduated from Central High School in 1948.

"I really enjoyed my career with the government and all the people I worked with and met through the years," she said. "DSCC has been very good to me and I appreciate it a lot."

AED

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Thompson and Camacho alternated with Thomas doing compressions. Thompson called for the AED and hooked it up to the contractor. Thompson used to be an AED instructor and went through training on the equipment in 2010.

“The machine shocked the guy three times,” Camacho said. “It worked like clock-work.” Camacho said it was ironic that Thompson had just tested the equipment a couple days before. “I remember because an alarm sounds when you open the box,” Camacho said.

AED machines can be found in wall mounted boxes, usually in hallways, in all Ohio National Guard installations. They are also mounted on walls in the elevator lobbies of Buildings 20 and 21 on the DSCC installation.

“He had a heartbeat when we were done with him and the paramedics showed up,” Camacho said. When Hamilton Township paramedics arrived on scene, they took over caring for the contractor.

“It was a relief when the guy finally woke up,” Camacho said. “If it wasn’t for our efforts, I think the guy would have died. It’s serious business, but the machine really works.”

After the contractor regained consciousness, he was taken by helicopter to Grant Medical Center in Columbus, where he was stabilized.

The 1-137th just went through a safety stand down in February during which medics conducted an AED/CPR brief.

“You walk by the AED and wonder what would happen if you actually have to use it,” Camacho said. “That machine is awesome.”

Depending on the remoteness of the location, help may be minutes or hours away. The



OHIO NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO

Since 2008, the Ohio National Guard has trained select members in proper usage of Automated External Defibrillators, which are maintained in all National Guard facilities around the state. An AED is a portable electronic device that guides the user through proper operation to stop a cardiac arrhythmia, allowing the victim’s heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

AED reduces the time it might take to receive life-saving care at installations and readiness centers throughout Ohio. With the help of a computerized narrator, the machine talks its user through the process to ensure proper operation of the device as well as to alleviate the stress of the situation. The Ohio Army National Guard has had an AED training program since 2008.

On the DSCC installation, training on CPR and the use of AEDs is coordinated through the Safety and Health Office. More information on registering for a class is available by calling the Health Unit in Building 21 at 614-693-5104.

DSCC Toastmasters Club recognized for achievements

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

For the 12th year in a row, the Defense Supply Center Columbus Toastmasters Club has been named the recipient of the organization’s President’s Distinguished Club Award.

The club also received a Founder’s Award for its help in starting a new Toastmasters club in Columbus.

Club members were recognized for these achievements during a March 26 meeting attended by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams, Deputy Commander James McClaugherty, Chief of Staff Army Col. Ryan Kivett and Deputy Chief of Staff Griff Warren.

Williams presented the two award ribbons to immediate past club president Tammy Solt. In addition, Williams presented club member Frank Chi with a “Distinguished Toastmaster” award.

Club champion Don Schulze said only two per-



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

DSCC Toastmasters Club members were recognized with a President’s Distinguished Club Award and a Founder’s Award during their March 26 meeting with DLA Land and Maritime command leadership. Club members (from left) Tom Collins, secretary John Chenault, vice president of membership Shaun Sehgal, immediate past president Tammy Solt, current president Tony Stone, club champion Don Schulze, Frank Chi holding his Distinguished Toastmaster award, sergeant at arms Matthew Elliott and treasurer Toye Thomas stand with all the award ribbons the club has won. Not present for the photo was vice president of public relations Delmar McGee.

cent of the 12,000 Toastmasters clubs worldwide receive the President’s Distinguished Club Award. DSCC’s club won the award by achieving the award criteria set forth by Toastmasters International.

The club also received the Founder’s Award, named after Toastmasters founder Ralph C. Smedley, for its helping in founding the Progressive Speaking Club in June. The new Toastmasters Club meets on Tuesday evenings.

Chi, a demand planner in Land Customer Opera-

tions, received the Distinguished Toastmaster award, the highest individual honor a Toastmasters member can receive, based on the number of speeches he has given in a variety of categories.

The DSCC Toastmasters Club 3500 meets the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month. More info is available by calling club member Delmar McGee at 614-692-4427.

The goal of DSCC’s club is to help members improve their public speaking skills and confidence in interacting with others.

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FWP, FEW kick off mentoring program with Whitehall students

By Regine Williams
Federal Women's Program

The Federally Employed Women and the Federal Women's Program together embarked on a new adventure to mentor students from Whitehall Yearling High School.

The project kicked off with an evening dinner program at the Whitehall Community Center featuring singing and poetry reading from Whitehall students, along with a presentation by keynotespeaker Roy Juarez Jr.

The program is part of an effort to mentor female youth in accordance with the President's Initiative on Women and Girls. More than 40 girls, teachers and parents from Whitehall and Columbus schools were in attendance, along with Whitehall Mayor Kim Maggard, City of Columbus Community Relations Commission assistant director Guadalupe A. Velasquez, FEW and FWP members, and other guests.

The kickoff event is the first of several activities in which FEW and FWP members will participate with female students in grades 11 and 12. During February, March and April, the young women attended workshops on topics such as Professionalism/ Etiquette, Basic Finance, College Preparedness, and Dressing for Success.

Upon completion of the mentoring program, the youth participants will be rewarded with a closeout program, during



which they will be able to choose prom dresses that they may have free of charge.

Juarez, the keynote speaker, told about his experiences as a homeless teenager caring for his 9-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother. After finding care for his younger siblings, he packed a bag of personal items he called a home for two and a half years. He "couchsurfed" from home to home with whoever would take him in.

Today, he is a college graduate from Hardin Simmons University and president and founder of America's Business Leaders, a human development company. He recently appeared on CNN with his mentor in a segment leading up to Latinos in America.

His "MyBag, MyHome Homeless by Choice" tour is a 300-city tour circling the United States with a goal to inspire 100,000 youth to dream, not give up on life, and understand the value of a higher education.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF REGINE WILLIAMS

TOP: Keynote speaker Roy Juarez Jr. (center right) stands with members of Federally Employed Women and Federal Women's Program who attended a kick-off event for a program to mentor local high school female students. Group members included (from left) Regine Williams, Rosie Worles-Gentry, Arlena Fitch-Gordon, Debra Hobbs, Myrtice Gray, Carla Murray, Toya Brown, Lisa Everett-Robinson, Foronda Hall and Tiffany Huguley. BELOW: Pictured at mentoring program kickoff at the Whitehall Community Center are (from left) Federally Employed Women Equalitarian Chapter president Regine Williams, FEW national vice president Arlena Fitch-Gordon, City of Columbus Community Relations Commission assistant director Guadalupe A. Velasquez, keynote speaker Roy Juarez Jr., Columbus Public School Board of Education vice president Ramona R. Reyes, Federal Women's Program assistant Foronda Hall and FWP manager Debra Hobbs.

Recreation assistant at Fitness Center selected Associate of the Month

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

The latest focus in fitness is functional training — exercises that simultaneously use multiple muscles and joints to improve muscular endurance, overall strength, coordination, balance, posture and agility. This type of full-body exercise program can prepare the body for common, everyday activities.

Recreation assistant Matthew Stanko was co-lead for the creation and implementation of a functional fitness area at the Defense Supply Center Columbus Fitness Center.

"It's an innovative approach to fitness and Matt put a lot of time and effort into the project," MWR Office chief Jim Rose said of the new exercise philosophy that focuses on teaching muscles to work together to help build a body capable of doing real life activities in real life positions.

For his role in developing the new fitness center feature in a corner of Building 27, and for other accomplishments, Stanko was recently named the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Associate of the Month for February.

The new exercise area includes the new TRX Suspension Trainer, "Jacob's Ladders," rock climbers, rowing machines, kettle bells, "Battling Ropes" and a 152-pound truck tire for the tire flipping exercise.

In his job as recreation assistant at the DSCC Fitness Center, Stanko, a native of Shadyside, Ohio, is known to be flexible and open to suggestions from coworkers and customers alike and is constantly looking for ways to improve the center environment for patrons. He feels this will increase patronage. Recently, Stanko was instrumental in moving several new daily-use lockers out of the locker rooms and into a space near the basketball court so players won't have to run back and forth to the locker room.

Stanko also is credited with coordinating with con-



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Matthew Stanko (left), a recreation assistant at the DSCC Fitness Center, receives the Associate of the Month Award for February from site director Kenny Youn.

tractors regarding improvement projects such as the installation of a new floor in the men's shower and air conditioning in the weight room. He was the point person for getting the locker rooms painted following the installation of new lockers.

During recent renovation projects, Stanko worked to ensure the least amount of disruption for customers. Despite the need to cut locks in some cases, Stanko maintained a positive, customer-oriented attitude which helped keep complaints to a minimum.

A DSCC associate of three years, Stanko holds a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Ohio University.

Pearl Harbor commander briefs college students on DLA mission

From the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The commander of the DLA Land and Maritime detachment in Pearl Harbor recently spent a couple of hours speaking to college students about DLA and the skills he uses to lead his associates.

Navy Cmdr. Donald Tyer was a guest lecturer April 10-11 and spoke on "Leadership and Project Management" as part of East Carolina University's Engineering Leadership Legacy Lecture Series to more than 40 students who were watching the live feed.

Stephanie Tolstedt Sullivan, Ph.D., a professor in the engineering department at ECU who organized Tyer's live appearance to her Engineering Project Management classes, said other students will have the opportunity to view his lecture through ECU's Global Classroom, which recorded his presentation directly from his office at Pearl Harbor.

Tyer, a North Carolina native who grew up near the East Carolina campus and has several connections to the school, provided some facts about the DLA enterprise, DLA Land and Maritime and his own unit in Pearl Harbor. He briefly discussed his educational qual-



Navy Cmdr. Donald Tyer, commander of the DLA Land and Maritime detachment at Pearl Harbor, was a guest lecturer April 10-11 on "Leadership and Project Management" as part of East Carolina University's Leadership Legacy Lecture Series. Shown is the online poster promoting his lecture.

ifications for his current joint duty assignment and then provided an overview of an extended maintenance and dry-docking period planned for the USS Texas (SSN 775) at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard at the end of May.

The 18-month, 237,000 man-day and nearly \$400 million event will involve the first Virginia-class submarine to undergo major maintenance at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and is the number one priority in the 5,000-person shipyard.

"In preparation for this extensive overhaul, I've had to utilize several aspects of

leadership and project management to ensure that my DLA unit is fully prepared to support all USS Texas material requirements," he said.

Sullivan said the goal of the ECU Engineering Leadership Legacy Lecture Series has been to provide students with the opportunity to hear and learn from experienced leaders so that they can form their own leadership philosophies going forward in their lives both personally and professionally.

She said Tyer's local ties to ECU, his leadership experience in the Navy and his engineering education and

training background, with an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in operations research, made him a good choice as a guest lecturer.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Cmdr. Tyer on this and we appreciate his time coming into our classroom," she said.

In 2010, East Carolina University became just the second academic institution in the nation to receive the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award since the award's inception in 1996.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Sandy Hagood, who leads the Flexible Hose and Tubing Product Specialist Team in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for February from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during an April 18 presentation at Hagood's work station.

Associate named DLA Supervisor of the Month

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A supervisor who leads the Flexible Hose and Tubing Product Specialist team in Maritime Supplier Operations was recently recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for February.

Sandy Hagood, who leads seven product specialists on her team, was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during an April 18 presentation at her work station.

"Thank you for your exceptional role in the effort to make sure our troops are well supported," Williams said.

Hagood, who has 21 total years of service with DLA, thanked her team for their effort.

"Nobody else knows this, but I do have the best team in Maritime," she said.

Hagood was recognized for her efforts to resolve a serious situation that developed with a critical refueling hose for Air Force KC-135 tankers. Hoses that were sent to the customer were missing a fitting and couldn't be used, leaving seven aircraft in non-mission capable status.

She took immediate action by arranging a face-to-face meeting with the contractor to discuss the situation and arranged an expedited delivery of a new contract to satisfy the backorders. She also was able to salvage the incomplete hoses and save the government the cost of re-procuring the hose assemblies, according to her supervisor, Debbie Robinson.

"Her speed and diligence prevented a serious situation from turning into a catastrophe and provided the critical hoses to the warfighter within two weeks," Robinson stated.

Hagood, who was raised in Vermilion, Ohio, was also lauded for her communication skills and being proactive regarding DLA's strategic focus.

"She communicates the organization's overall strategies so everyone can see the relationship between their work and support to the warfighter," Robinson said. "Ms. Hagood effectively implements short- and long-term strategies to meet organizational needs."

Robinson also praised Hagood's leadership, saying she "leads by personal example."

"She sets goals that are realistic but challenging and empowers her team to use their initiative and ability to manage their own work. She is extremely organized and thinks ahead to prevent problems before they happen," Robinson said.

"Everybody has something they do really well and you have to figure that out and exploit it, and then help them build up their skills in other areas," Hagood said of her leadership philosophy.

Hagood, who has also worked for H&R Block in software quality assurance, said she enjoys the sense of family she gets from working in an organization where people care about their jobs.

The Westerville resident has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Ohio State University and is working on a master's degree in business administration from Ashland University.

When she's not at work, she enjoys listening to jazz music, especially live performances at local clubs where her son, Tony, plays, and training her new puppy, a blue tick coon hound.

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Administrator for Army Reserve unit recognized for service

By Army Master Sgt. Dave Johnson

412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Columbus

Valerie Minor, the unit administrator for the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), was recognized March 7 for completing 20 years of federal service in a ceremony in Building 2 on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Unit administrators run the day-to-day administration of an Army Reserve unit and are considered the right hand of the commanders.

Because of this high importance on unit administrators' responsibilities, they are considered mission essential to achieving readiness objectives.

Readiness to deploy around the world on short notice is the purpose of Army Reserve units and their citizen soldiers.

Civil Affairs units in the Army Reserve deploy often. The 412th Civil Affairs Battalion has deployed its companies seven times since its inception in Columbus, Ohio, in September 2002.



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Army Lt. Col. Joe Griffith (left) presents a service award certificate to Valerie Minor, the unit administrator for the U.S. Army Reserve 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, which is located on the DSCC installation.

Minor's dedication to the 412th has helped its companies throughout all these deployments.

"She is one of the most dedicated, competent unit administrators I've witnessed in my 20-plus years in the Army Reserve," said Army Lt. Col. David Volkman, the battalion commander.

"Mrs. Minor was directly responsible for the high level of administrative standards within the battalion, which were evident upon my assign-

ment as battalion commander on July 7, 2007," said former commander Army Lt. Col. Bjorn Anderson.

During her tenure at the 412th, Minor performed jobs above her grade level to keep the battalion running.

"She performed duties that are designed for a supervisory staff administrator and a staff administrative assistant," said the battalion's executive officer, Army Maj. James Sanders.

Minor also mentored other unit administrators.

"She took me in and trained me as a team member," said Army 1st Lt. Laura Starin, a unit administrator with 412th currently deployed in Afghanistan. "She is all about cohesion and teamwork. She made my transition into a difficult job smooth."

Minor joined the 412th in March 2004. She started her federal service career at 246th Psychological Operations Company on Veterans Day 1991; the 246th was located in Blacklick, Ohio, at that time.

"Eleven, eleven, eleven is my twentieth anniversary," said Minor.

During the past 20 years, Minor also worked as an Army master sergeant as a public affairs chief, illustrator and instructor.

Unit administrators are always inundated with finance transactions, personnel actions and coordination for their units and soldiers.

But, through all the administrative duties, Minor still gets out of her office on occasion to do some photography for the battalion.

"I'm an artist, at heart," she said.

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