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# DLA Land and Maritime meeting focuses on MRAP support changes

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Current and future support of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles was the subject of a two-day meeting at Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime in July.

DLA Land and Maritime MRAP Program manager Jeff Gamber hosted the July 10-11 meeting, which brought together Defense Department Joint Program Office personnel from the Army and Marine Corps, as well as representatives of DLA Logistics Information Services, and DLA Distribution and Disposition Services.

Talks focused on the dynamics of the MRAP program, future challenges and planning gaps. There was also an examination of strategies for use of existing inventories and actions necessary to re-utilize inventories no longer supporting MRAPs. The ultimate goal was to develop optimization strategies for current on-hand inventories within DLA and across the DoD MRAP enterprise, Gamber said.

Gamber explained that DLA's inventory of parts supporting MRAP and route-clearance vehicles is worth about \$856 million.

"Multiple inventories of MRAP parts exist across the DoD enterprise that are not owned by DLA," he said.

"DLA, JPO and service leads are addressing how best to optimize inventory at the right level



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING  
Jeff Gamber, DLA Land and Maritime MRAP program manager, briefs DoD Joint Program Office personnel from the Army and Marine Corps, as well as representatives of DLA Logistics Information Service, DLA Distribution and DLA Disposition Services, at a July 10-11 meeting in Columbus. The main topic of discussion was current and future support of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

els for a program where provisioning is still under way."

DLA's material availability for MRAP parts is above 90

percent for almost 29,000 parts stocked in DLA Distribution sites across the globe, Gamber said. Weekly sales for MRAP

parts average \$13-15 million, and June sales climbed to \$82.8 million, the highest this year, he said.

Gamber also explained that the DLA MRAP Program Office's execution of the DLA sustainment build of MRAP parts has received high praise throughout DoD.

"The Joint Program Management Office owes DLA a tremendous thanks, and not just DSCC but Richmond and Philadelphia in terms of the supply centers," said Karen Kulie, associate director of the Joint Program Office.

Kulie noted that during an early Pentagon MRAP meeting someone said it would be easier to support logistically if there was only one MRAP variant.

"(Well) we don't have one variant," Kulie said July 10. "We have dozens, and the reason we did that was to get the MRAPs out to the field as quickly as possible.

"The deliberate decision on MRAP was to save lives. It wasn't to make a vehicle that was maintainable or ... logistically supportable. It was to save lives as quickly as possible, and that (idea) has remained constant," Kulie said.

"The funny thing is most of the rest of logistics gets sorted out," she said. "Vehicles get transported. Mechanics figure out how to fix them. (But) at the end of the day, the straw that breaks the camel's back is parts. You've really, really got to get parts right."

Kulie provided a briefing relaying the future JPO transition to the military services for

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## DLA employee in Afghanistan recovers dumped material, finds lost shipments



COURTESY PHOTO

DLA Land and Maritime associate Robin Rogers helped save millions of dollars for warfighters by collecting 2,500 gas cylinders that had been tossed into a dumpsite at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. Each cylinder is worth about \$400 and will be put back into the supply system.

By Beth Reece

DLA Strategic Communications

A Defense Logistics Agency civilian deployed to Afghanistan has saved warfighters more than \$1 million in metal and helped provide shelter for military working dogs that sniff out improvised explosive devices.

Robin Rogers, a DLA Land and Maritime associate, deployed to Kandahar Air Base in March to provide direct support

to 45th Sustainment Brigade. Within days, she was digging gas cylinders out of the mud at a local dump run by the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency. It took six weeks for her and a group of local Afghans to collect them all, about 2,500 in total.

"That much metal is worth almost \$1.2 million, which we would have had to spend again just to

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DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

William Willis (standing), a small business programs specialist in the DLA Land and Maritime Small Business Office, chats with Sherry Wellmer of Land Supplier Operations as Eric Forson (left), Renee Carter and Robert Anglin III of Land Supplier Operations listen during a Small Business Stand Down Day event held July 18 in the Command Conference Room.

## Stand down focuses on outreach efforts to small businesses

From the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The first of three Small Business Stand Down Days was held July 18 at DLA Land and Maritime in an effort to reach out to small businesses and provide them opportunities to do more business with the Defense Logistics Agency.

Two more "stand down" days will be held Aug. 22 and Sept. 19 at DLA Land and Maritime.

The goal of each day is for personnel in various DLA Land and Maritime directorates and organizations to work collaboratively across management, policy and cross-func-

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## Land and Maritime associate returns from 10-month training program

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A DLA Land and Maritime associate who spent nearly a year at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces recently returned to work with a new perspective on national secu-

rity strategy and policy.

Barb Robertson, who is now serving as deputy director of the Business Process Support directorate, graduated with a master's degree in national resource strategy from the

Barb Robertson, deputy director of the Business Process Support directorate, holds the diploma she received in June from the International College of the Armed Forces after completing a 10-month program. She received a master's degree in national resource strategy.

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# Site energy manager honored for efforts to conserve energy on DSCC installation

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

Steven Webster, site energy manager at Defense Supply Center Columbus, was recently presented the Defense Logistics Agency Superior Civilian Service Award for efforts that resulted in significant energy consumption reduction and cost savings.

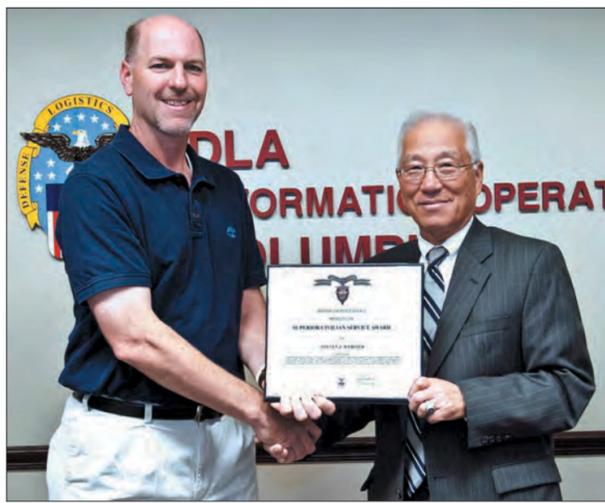
Webster led the way to a successful implementation of the DLA Energy Resource Management policy at DSCC. Additionally, he is the action officer for the site's Annual Energy Report and serves as the local Energy Conservation Investment Program and Utility Energy Services Contracts manager.

Webster's efforts included overseeing lighting retrofits, chiller replacement, adding lighting controls and installing an energy monitoring and control system that have allowed

DSCC to exceed the energy savings goals set by Executive Order 13423. Those efforts have a projected annual savings of more than 6 million kilowatts of electric energy. Moneywise, the changes have resulted in an annual cost savings of \$325,000, and were recognized by American Electric Power Ohio representative in January when it presented a check to DSCC for \$225,252 as an "energy efficiency incentive."

Since Webster assumed duties as the installation energy manager, energy consumption is down 26.3 percent from the baseline year of 2003, well below the stated goal of 18 percent in Executive Order 13423.

The Installation Services office that Webster is a part of has developed 37 projects that have the potential of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars—such projects as "free cooling" to buildings using



DLA PHOTO  
Steven Webster (left), an energy program engineer at DSCC, receives the DLA Superior Civilian Service Award from DLA Installation Support at Columbus site director Kenny Youn for efforts that resulted in significant energy consumption reduction and cost savings.

energy resources from other buildings (saving \$80,000 per year), installing motion detectors throughout warehouses and limited use administra-

tive areas, and replacing old heating, cooling and ventilation systems with more energy efficient systems.

Perhaps the department's

greatest initiative is the installation of a centralized energy monitoring system that is projected to save the installation \$253,000 per year. Implementation of the system has involved coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers and the local information technology office.

Meanwhile, Webster is advising installation management leadership in energy savings in the areas of reduced petroleum consumption, increased use of alternative fuels, and solar and geothermal energy uses on the installation.

Earlier, Webster was recognized at DLA headquarters for his achievements as energy program engineer, was named the DLA Installation Support Columbus Associate of the Month in October 2006, and has received numerous incentive awards in recognition of his high level of success and long standing attention to duty.



PHOTO BY INEZ ROSA

## Associates participate in Family Day at amusement park

Associate Javier Rojas poses with Snoopy at Kings Island on DSCC Family Day. About 1,400 DSCC associates and family members braved the heat to spend a day at the park. With support from the Civilian Welfare Council, associates paid a reduced price for tickets to the amusement park for a day of events that included rides, a water park and a buffet lunch.

## 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 ensure 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. Aug. 21 and Sept. 5 and 20 to 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 8

### It's A Date

**August 2012**

- AUG. 3** – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement
- AUG. 4** – U. S. Coast Guard's 222nd birthday
- AUG. 5** – Friendship Day
- AUG. 17** – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2

**September 2012**

- Sept. 3** – Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 11** – Patriot Day
- Sept. 11** – Grandparents Day
- Sept. 11** – DLA Director's Call, 10 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
- Sept. 14** – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement
- Sept. 15** – Hispanic Heritage Month begins

and 21 and Sept. 20.

### Air Force general assumes command of DLA Energy

Air Force Brig. Gen. Giovanni Tuck became the 36th commander of Defense Logistics Agency Energy during a July 9 ceremony at the McNamara

Headquarters Complex auditorium at Fort Belvoir, Va.

DLA Energy Acting Commander Patrick Dulin handed the organizational DLA colors to DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek, who then handed the colors over to Tuck, charging him with the responsi-

bility for the organization's mission and the welfare of its people

Dulin led DLA Energy as acting commander for 10 months.

Tuck comes to DLA Energy after serving as commander of 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia.



## Associates turn in electronic items for recycling

MWR Recycling Program employees Jeff Feller (left), Robert Thompson and Larry Boyd unload computer equipment from an associate's car during a July 17 E-Cycle event that permitted installation employees to drop off unwanted items at Building 16 on the DSCC installation. Items that were accepted included CRT computer monitors, computer hard drives, laptop and desktop computers, digital cameras, camcorders, cell phones, video equipment, cables and connectors, printers and scanners. At the end of the day, a total of 3,873 pounds of electronic waste was collected. Ohio Drop Off separates and dismantles the devices and prepares them to be recycled for the various metals and material. The monitors and any hazardous materials are disposed of according to EPA guidelines. More information about recycling on the installation is available at [www.dsccmwr.com](http://www.dsccmwr.com) or by calling 614-692-2430.

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## Obituaries

### Priscilla Jean Alkire

Priscilla Jean Alkire, 80, of Gahanna, died July 23. Ms. Alkire was retired from DCSC.

### Arthur T. Arestad

Arthur T. Arestad, 93, of Tipp City, died at his home. Mr. Arestad was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was retired from DESC, where he worked as an electrical engineer.

### Donald Beaudry

Donald Beaudry, 77, of Hilliard, died July 11 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Mr. Beaudry served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and retired as a computer programmer at DCSC.

### Winfield Scott "Win" Cartwright

Winfield Scott "Win" Cartwright, 89, died July 15 at his home. Mr. Cartwright was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and finished his military career at Newark Air Force Base in charge of personal.

### Morris L. Jordan

Morris L. Jordan, 89, of Baltimore, Ohio, died July 14 at home. Mr. Jordan was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and worked at DCSC until he retired in 1972.

### James J. Newell

James J. Newell, 92, of Marengo, Ohio, died July 23 at his home. Mr. Newell was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC as a machine tool repairman.

### Brenda Lou Palmer

Brenda Lou Palmer, 69, died July 17 in Columbus. Ms. Palmer was retired from DCSC as a computer specialist.

### Edward H. Rickey

Edward H. Rickey, 79, died July 13. Mr. Rickey was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was one of the original employees of the Newark Air Force Station before retiring from federal service in 1988.

### Richard L. Young

Richard L. Young, 72, of Westerville, died July 22 at the Kobacker House. Mr. Young was retired from the Social Security Administration after 35 years of service.

# Change management 'guru' selected as DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of Month

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A change management specialist who oversees a variety of programs that impact associates has been recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for April.

Ron Elliott was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams at a June 25 Supervisors Call.

Elliott, who has 35 years of federal service under his belt, supervises six associates in the Transformation, Culture and Change Management branch in the Human Performance Office.

The associates he supervises oversee programs that deal with the integration of new employees into the workforce, Enterprise Business Systems training,

the Account Management and Provisioning System validation program, the DLA Culture Survey, and technology and business initiatives such as Customer Relationship Management, among others.

"We have quite a diverse mission," he said, adding that he enjoys the challenge of coordinating and facilitating such a diverse number of programs.

Elliott, who served four years active duty in the Air Force before joining DLA, said he tries to lead by example.

"I praise my employees in public and I correct them in private," he said. "I try to give them as much flexibility as they need to manage their own workload."

His supervisor, Robert Boggs, said Elliott meets regularly with his staff and "artfully mixes and matches their talents in support of the numerous



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS  
Ron Elliott, chief of the Transformation, Culture and Change Management branch in the Human Performance Office, receives the Supervisor of the Month award for April from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Army Brig. Gen. Darrell Williams during a June 25 Supervisors Call.

projects supported by his branch."

Boggs also commend-

ed Elliott for empowering his associates to stretch their leadership and

management abilities to the limit.

"Mr. Elliott has nur-

tured a dynamic team of talented associates that continuously focuses on the customer, organizational learning and change management," he stated. "The integration of his team into a wide variety of DLA Land and Maritime councils and directorate activities is impressively effective."

Elliott, a native of West Virginia, has a master's degree in business administration from Franklin University, a bachelor's degree in information technology from Devry University and a bachelor's degree in management and logistics from Park University.

When he's not at work, the Granville resident enjoys spending time with his wife and three children, working in the yard and gardening, and restoring classic cars. He's currently working on a 1978 Corvette.

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## Stand down

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tional teams to identify additional opportunities to make more small business awards as well as minimize policy or procedural roadblocks in procurement actions.

Among the results from the July 18 stand down was the awarding of 11 contracts with a total value of nearly \$2.5 million to eligible small businesses by Land Supplier Operations and 514 awards with a total value of \$3.6 million by Maritime Supplier Operations.

Leadership in both the Land and Maritime directorates also agreed to organize monthly small business roundtable lunch and learn sessions to provide in-service training for buyers to address key areas that could improve small business performance. DLA corporate interns were briefed and were invited and encouraged to attend the Small Business Office's next Training, Knowledge and Opportunity (TKO) session to learn about services available to enable small businesses to successfully compete for awards from DLA.

Vikki Hawthorne, associate director of the Office of Small Business Programs, said she was pleased with the broad participation by DLA Land and Maritime associates that led to the day's results.

"Our staff is very excited about our role in assisting DLA Land and Maritime in meeting the needs of our warfighters by having a diverse and robust small business sector in our industrial base," she said.

Milt Lewis, the DLA Land and Maritime acquisition executive, stressed the importance of small businesses to DLA's business.

"They are a force multiplier and give us the flexibility to meet the dynamic needs of the warfighter," he told those in attendance in the Command Conference Room. "I'm excited about this collective effort between directorates to take advantage of the diverse talent we have to reach out to small businesses.

"Everybody has a role to play in helping us meet our small business goals."

In a message to the workforce, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel) David Pimpo said the use of small businesses wherever possible and appropriate to meet mission requirements remains a top priority for fiscal 2012 and beyond.

"All of DLA Land and Maritime should be extremely proud of how their individual and collective efforts have contributed to improving performance against this year's small business goals," he stated. "Because ownership of small business goals is shared by all of us, we have identified a number of activities that will be undertaken across Land and Maritime designed to result in measureable increases in small business performance."

# DSCC security will be enhanced by new access control point

A new gate for the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation on Yearling Road will be a state-of-the-art primary access control point built in accordance with all federal security and antiterrorism codes. The \$10 million gate is expected to open late next summer.

The new entrance point will operate 24 hours a day seven days a week, and will be the new site of the visitor processing center. All commercial truck traffic will go to the James Road entrance, but the new gate will be designed to receive large vehicles such as fire trucks.

With access directly across from Poth Road (south of the current North Yearling Gate), the new gate will provide five inbound ID check lanes in accordance with recommendations provided under a 2009



DLA PHOTO BY DAN BENDER  
The grassy area on the northeast corner of the DSCC installation will be the site of a new gate for the DSCC installation on Yearling Road. The state-of-the-art primary access control point will be built in accordance with all federal security and antiterrorism codes and is expected to open late next summer.

traffic study and entry analysis.

The project, to be completed by Pinnacle Construction and Development Group of Wiloughby, Ohio, has been closely coordinated with the City of

Whitehall and the U.S. Army Reserve (adjacent land holder) and will include new automated traffic signals and pavement markings on Yearling Road. The project will include a

visitor control center, gatehouse, vehicle search area and search office, guard booths, ID check point canopy, vehicle inspection canopy, over watch booth, traffic control barriers, pedestrian bus stop shelter, entry lanes, turn-around lanes, traffic signals and signage, vehicle resistant security fencing with cable reinforcement, active and passive barriers, a backup generator and lighting. It will be coordinated with the landscape master plan and installation design guide.

When the new gate opens late next summer, the south Yearling Gate on Roosevelt Lane will be closed. The James Road Gate will remain the truck entry and the Broad Street Gate is currently under consideration as a pedestrian only access point.



PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS PETER D. LAWLOR  
Sailors assigned to the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Mississippi (SSN 782) staff the ship during the commissioning ceremony for the Navy's ninth Virginia-class attack submarine.

# Maritime Customer Ops associates help get sub built in record time

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Two associates in Maritime Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime were recognized recently for their support in the construction of the U.S. Navy's newest Virginia-class submarine, the USS Mississippi (SSN 782).

The Mississippi was commissioned June 2 in Pascagoula, Miss. The submarine was delivered to the Navy almost one year early and under budget.

"It took just 62 months to build Mississippi, which sets a record for the Virginia class program and is a testament to the skill and dedication of the shipbuilders," U.S. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said in the commissioning ceremony's keynote address.

Jim Penzenstadler, a lead customer account specialist, and Jean Wethey, also a CAS, were among a group of associ-

ates from DLA and other organizations recognized by an inventory management specialist with Naval Supply Systems Command who made sure the shipbuilders had what they needed as the Mississippi's construction progressed.

"You are indeed the reason why our submarine was built ahead of schedule. We indeed were successful as a team," Michelle L. Skilbred stated in an e-mail to Penzenstadler and Wethey. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your superb support in building this great warfighter."

Penzenstadler said "it was definitely a team effort" in supporting requirements for the Mississippi.

"Requisition tickets would come in and we would work them and try to expedite them and get the items to the shipyard as quickly as we could," he said. Wethey said she doesn't

remember any specific actions she did in support of the Mississippi but was glad to be recognized for her support efforts.

"To me, I'm just doing my job," she said. "I just do what's needed by the customer."

Maritime Customer Operations director Navy Capt. Rachel Fant said the effort in successfully commissioning the USS Mississippi was a "great accomplishment" for a program.

"I am proud of the support provided by Jim and Jean and the coordination across the staff that contributed to this achievement," she said.

As the Navy's newest Virginia-class attack submarine, Mississippi is a flexible, multi-mission platform designed to carry out the seven core competencies of the submarine force: anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, delivery of special operations forces, strike warfare, irregular warfare, intel-

ligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and mine warfare.

The submarine is 377 feet long, has a 34-foot beam, and will be able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots submerged.

Capt. John McGrath is Mississippi's first commanding officer, leading a crew of about 140 officers and enlisted personnel.

Virginia-class submarines are built under a unique teaming arrangement between General Dynamics Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News. Construction on Mississippi began in February 2007; the submarine's keel was laid, June 9, 2010, and she was christened during a ceremony, Dec. 3, 2011.

**Editor's note:** Navy Lt. Hayley Sims, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Public Affairs, contributed to this article.



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As part of her study of the shipbuilding industry, DLA Land and Maritime associate Barb Robertson was able to tour a joint high speed vessel (left) and littoral combat ship during a visit to an Austal shipbuilding facility in Gulfport, Miss.

## Training

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school, which is located at Fort McNair near Washington, D.C.

ICAF is a senior level college providing graduate level education to senior members of the U.S. armed forces, government civilians, foreign nationals and private industry. The curriculum focuses on preparing students for leadership and success in developing national security strategy and policy, with a focus on evaluating, marshaling and managing national resources.

Robertson said there were 320 students in her class representing all branches of the military and Department of Defense agencies, along with numerous other federal agencies, including the State Department, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelli-

gence Agency.

“That was one of the big takeaways for me was the realization that the DoD is just one piece of the puzzle in projecting U.S. power,” she said. “Sometimes what we think in the DoD is that we’re all there is, but when you talk to people from all these other agencies, you get a lot broader perspective on our national security strategy.”

For example, one weapon that the class discussed was the U.S. economy and its impact on the world.

“The discussion on the economic force of the U.S. was really fascinating, especially in these times when our economic house is not in order, but we’re still an economic powerhouse,” Robertson said. “We discussed the forces of macroeconomics and how it impacts our national security.”

Robertson’s time at ICAF was divided into two semesters, with the first semester focused pri-

marily on a structured academic environment in the classroom. During the second semester, students focused on an “industry study,” for which Robertson studied shipbuilding.

As part of her study, Robertson visited numerous shipbuilding sites, including private, commercial and government shipyards. She traveled to a site in Brazil where large oil drilling platforms and tanker ships are built, and to a government shipyard in Victoria, Canada. She also went to Maine and visited Bath Ironworks and the Navy shipyard in Portland.

“I got to see the whole spectrum from individual craftsman building ships using wood to the huge Navy shipyards,” she said. “That was one of the highlights was getting to see the processes and seeing steel being cut and welded.”

One interesting sidelight of the trips to the various shipbuilding facilities was learning

about workplace culture, Robertson said.

“You don’t really get a feel for a company until you visit there and talk to people,” she said. “We talk about culture here a lot and you take it for granted, but it was eye-opening when you went to the shipyards and talked with two or three people, you could pick up pretty quickly on the culture of the workplace, whether it was a place where they enjoyed working or not.”

Another highlight was the opportunity to participate in a briefing on the “Maritime highway,” an effort to move more commerce on waterways instead of roadways, before the U.S. Senate’s Armed Forces Committee, followed by a briefing of Vice President Joe Biden’s senior staff on the same subject.

“It made it more than an academic exercise,” Robertson said. “We got to actually influence national strategic policy.”

Robertson, who was acting deputy director of Land Customer Operations before her departure last summer, said her new position is “a perfect fit” with what she learned at ICAF.

“Here in Business Process Support, we focus on all of our planning processes, order fulfillment, goals and analysis,” she said. “It’s a good place for me to get some cross process exposure.”

Robertson, who has worked for DLA for 14 years after working as a Department of Army civilian for 15 years, said ICAF also provided some time for her to reflect on leadership styles, what works and doesn’t work, and how she might handle situations differently in the future.

“I have a commitment to myself to make this a lifelong learning opportunity,” she said. “This experience has really made it clear to me that you can’t stop learning when it comes to management and leadership.”

## MRAP

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125 DLA Land and Maritime and Defense Finance and Accounting Service employees. She also provided the workforce with an update on the current MRAPs planned to be part of the enduring fleet and those that will be divested.

Jerrilee de Geus, a Marine Corps logistics manager, provided a briefing on the Corps’ current MRAP status and echoed earlier comments by a TACOM Life Cycle Management Command official about DLA’s superior performance thus far for the MRAP program. She gave an overview of the JPO transition to the services that will occur Oct. 1, 2013, addressed the progressive draw-down in southwest Asia and the DoD plan to retain 20,674 vehicles after the war’s end. She further discussed the in-theater and continental United States retrofit efforts on the MRAP program. The dynamics of the MRAP program will require continued vigilance for the next five years, she noted.



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING  
Karen Kulie, associate director of the MRAP Joint Program Office, provides a briefing on current and future support of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles at a July 10-11 meeting in Columbus.

Gamber presented a series of briefings focused on MRAP sustainment support in the past, present and future.

Following the briefings, discussions focused on several topics ranging from kit disassembly, de-capitalization progress in support of JPO “Clean Sweep” events, and establishing contracts with MRAP original equipment manufactur-

ers for refurbishing critical consumable parts inventory. Many of the topics discussed will be included as action items for the newly established MRAP Joint Inventory Optimization Team.

The stock optimization effort will be co-chaired by the DLA Program Management Office and lead logisticians from the JPO for the Army and Marine Corps. Their efforts will be coordinated and guided by a Joint Integrated Process Team charter being developed by Shaun McKinney, MRAP assistant program manager and optimization team lead.

Gamber said MRAP readiness rates that have not fallen below 90 percent for the past four years are evidence of the program’s success.

“There is still much work to be done to get sustainment inventories right-sized,” he said. “Until retrograde fully kicks in to move MRAP vehicles from Afghanistan, DLA will be procuring old and new MRAP parts to meet the warfighters’ needs while simultaneously supporting reset activities to repair all MRAP variants from now until (fiscal 2018).”

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COURTESY PHOTO

Cylinders are collected at a dump run by the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency on Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. They will be sent to Kuwait for reuse.

## Lost

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replace these cylinders,” she said.

Units are supposed to take empty cylinders to their servicing supply support activity so they can be retrograded and refilled with oxygen, helium or other gases. But Rogers suspects troops tossed them to avoid turn-in requirements for cylinders to be palletized a certain way for transportation to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where they are refilled and put back into the supply system, she said.

Rogers had pallets for the dumped cylinders built at a local carpenter shop, and they will be transported to Kuwait soon, she said.

Units ordering brand-new replacements pay about \$400 for a single cylinder and \$30 to fill it, as well as hefty shipping

and handling fees because new cylinders are typically shipped only from the United States, Rogers said. To further help save money, Rogers worked with 1st Theater Sustainment Command in Kuwait and the 45th Sustainment Brigade to “dummy proof” the ordering process. Now, when units in Afghanistan attempt to order a new cylinder that can only be shipped from the United States, the system redirects customers to a cylinder that’s been refilled and is available in Kuwait.

Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Dawn Brown, who helps oversee supply support provided by the 45th, said Rogers’ knowledge and resourcefulness have earned her the respect and confidence of logisticians throughout Afghanistan.

“She’s made a tremendous difference in the short time she’s been here, and we are grateful to have her on our team,” she said.

Rogers spent 15 years as an active-duty Army logistician, but Bill Wheatley, her supervisor and commander of the DLA Support Team in Kandahar, said it’s personality and initiative that make Rogers one of the hardest workers he’s served with in 30 years.

“Customers love her. Her ‘can-do’ personality has enabled her to develop personal relationships with all of her customers and many activities on Kandahar Air Base, which affords her access to people and places most people can’t get to,” he said.

In May, Air Force Master Sgt. Devin Maticka sought Rogers’ help locating \$600,000 worth of Alaskan tents and other equipment that had been ordered in June 2011 to support a kennel project for the Military Working Dog Program. Rogers had nothing but a contract number to work with, but in three days she found proof that the equip-

ment had been delivered and accepted by a unit in Kandahar on June 11, 2011. Which unit? No one knew.

Rogers was standing in a crowd of people at Kandahar’s Retro-Sort Yard when, a week later, she heard someone say “Alaskan tents.” She questioned a nearby sergeant, who confirmed that a unit had just turned in a “boatload of stuff with all this paperwork.” She asked to see it.

“And there it was: 18 pallets of tents and equipment that some unit had been hiding and never broke out, probably because it wasn’t theirs. Alaskan tents are very easily identified,” she said.

The material would have been loaded on a plane that night for retrograde in Kuwait if Rogers hadn’t intervened and arranged shipment of the tents to the proper unit’s location. They’re currently being constructed and will give military working dogs a place for

much-needed rest from the heat and the dangers of their mission, IED detection, Maticka said.

“If Robin hadn’t found our tents, these dogs would have had very limited living space, affecting their rest cycle to support their mission,” he said.

The unit would have also had to spend more money reordering the tents.

The unit is so grateful for Rogers’ help they’ve offered to buy her dinner or coffee. She declined, but did accept an invitation to the ribbon-cutting ceremony that will take place when kennel construction is completed in August.

“My reward is seeing the look on their faces and knowing they don’t have to spend all that money again,” she said. “And I was a service member, too. I’ve been on the other end of this, so I know what they’re going through.”