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New commander introduces himself, discusses initiatives at first town hall

By John Foreman
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

In his first town hall meeting with associates, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo said he is glad to be in Columbus and is looking forward to his tenure as DLA Land and Maritime commander.

“Having command of DLA Land and Maritime is something that’s very, very special to me,” Pimpo said. “This organization is very special and it’s all because of all of you. The civilian workforce here is the DNA of this organization and what makes this place tick. Your reputation, not only throughout DLA but throughout the entire Department of Defense, is that DLA Land and Maritime is a place that understands excellence and how to get things done and take care of the warfighter.

“I’m very, very proud to lead this organization. Every single Navy commander of this organization from the recent past has contacted me about this place. Admirals Thompson, Lilli and Bird have all told me how impressive this organization is and for me to get ready for the best tour of my life,” Pimpo said.

Pimpo took the time to introduce himself to the Columbus workforce, saying he’s from Strongsville, Ohio, he’s a man of faith, he comes from a Navy family and he’s a huge Cleveland sports fan.

“Being from Ohio, I always wanted to come to Columbus to play football at The Ohio State



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo (right) recognizes (from left) associates Andres Gonzalez and Donald Tibbs with DLA Superior Civilian Service Awards and associate Mary Jo Rohner with the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award during an Aug. 1 town hall meeting in the Building 20 auditorium.

University for Woody Hayes. But Woody was fired and that didn’t happen, so I went to the Naval Academy and played football there. The best news is I finally made it to Columbus to

command DLA Land and Maritime,” he said.

Pimpo told of his naval career assignments and some of his background in Navy supply and inventory management,

including a stint as aide de camp to former DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Edward Straw.

The commander then recognized Andres Gonzalez and Donald Tibbs with a DLA

Superior Civilian Service Awards for their efforts while deployed to Afghanistan and

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‘Homecoming’ features training for Land supply chain forward execution personnel



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

Forward Execution personnel from all over the country participated in the 2012 DLA Land and Maritime Forward Execution training homecoming July 17-19. Meeting in the Command Conference Room were (from left) Doug Klee, an acquisition specialist from Tobyhanna Army Depot; Master Sgt. James Wolfingbarger, Air Force wholesaler; Josue Rivera, acquisition specialist, Letterkenny Army Depot; Linda Allensworth, supervisor, Forward Execution Acquisition; DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McClougherty and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo.

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

Land Customer Operations customer support representatives and customer logistics site specialists from the Army and Marine Corps industrial sites, and the Army Lifecycle Management commands across the United States gathered in Columbus, Ohio, July 17-19 for the annual Forward Execution training homecoming.

At almost the same time, Land Supplier Operations, Forward Execution acquisition and product specialists arrived to obtain continuity requirements relevant to their job roles.

The three days of intensive training and collaboration with Columbus associates was designed to increase teamwork and communication with Land Customer Ops and Land Supplier Ops personnel,

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PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS DESIREE D. GREEN

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) prepares to arrive at its new homeport at Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 7. DLA personnel supporting the Navy Nuclear Reactors Program recently met the 95 percent material availability requirement for the 56th consecutive month, a milestone that surpasses the previous 55-month record that ran from June 2002 through December 2006. The NRP is one of the Navy’s top priority programs because of its criticality in keeping nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers operating at full mission capability.

Nuclear reactors team reaches supply availability milestone

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

An important Navy program supported primarily by DLA Land and Maritime recently surpassed a support milestone.

Joseph Moore, a weapon system support manager in Maritime Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime, noted that DLA personnel supporting the Navy Nuclear Reactors Program met the 95 percent material availability requirement with an MA of 97.1 percent in June, an increase of 0.5 percent from May. This marked the 56th consecutive month that DLA was above 95 percent, a milestone that surpasses the previous 55-month record that ran from June 2002 through December 2006.

“All of the people involved across six DLA sup-

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Lake Erie fishing trip proves to be a successful voyage

From the DSCC Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office

Ten fishermen and women headed to Lake Erie July 27 for a two-day fishing trip to the Conneaut, Ohio Marina and Evergreen Lake Park campgrounds sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation.

Two groups of five went out for four hours at a time and came back with

more than 80 pounds per group of walleye, white perch and sheepshead.

During non-fishing hours, the group was able to enjoy a festival at the marina that included live music, cardboard boat races, a 5-K run, an assortment of local food and other events. Some swam at a local beach and fished off a jetty during the times they were not on the boat.

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Rachelle Swackhammer of DLA Human Resources holds up a walleye she caught during a fishing trip on Lake Erie in late July sponsored by the DSCC MWR Office.



DLA PHOTO BY CAPT. WILLIAM LEWIS

Land and Maritime personnel participate in the Joint Reserve Force Leadership Board at DLA headquarters

DLA Land and Maritime Joint Reserve Team members were among the 60 reservists and civilians from across DLA who joined reserve leaders at DLA Headquarters in Fort Belvoir, Va., Aug. 4-5 for the agency's annual Joint Reserve Force Leadership Board. Navy Reserve Rear Adm. Patricia Wolfe, director of the DLA Joint Reserve Force, asked the reservists to be mindful of the DLA Director's "Big Ideas" and come up with ideas on how to change current business to match how DLA is going to do business in the future. Robert McCullough, DLA JRF deputy director, stressed the importance of making sure there is a force ready to mobilize and support the DLA mission at a moment's notice. Other topics included goals to implement more operational support to the primary level field activities while maintaining readiness for deployments. Land and Maritime participants were (front row from left) DLA Land and Maritime Joint Team leader Army Col. Bill Stratton, Army Lt. Col. John Dreska, Air Force Maj. Jorge Manresa, Navy Lt. Virgil Chapman, Army Lt. Col. Daphne Wheeler and Navy Lt. j.g. Glenn Conley; and (back row from left) Navy Petty Officer Jim Hershberger, Army Lt. Col. John Cleveland, Army Lt. Col. Rich Kraehling, Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Graves and Navy Cdr. Jim Shelton.



Chillicothe VA Medical Center opens new energy facility

On July 26, the Chillicothe VA Medical Center celebrated the opening of a new energy center (boiler plant) that includes the use of biomass (wood chips) as a primary fuel source for generating steam and electrical power. The biomass boiler will provide 70 percent of the VAMC's heating requirement and will provide electricity for the new boiler plant. In addition to construction jobs, this project will create five to 10 permanent jobs in the local area for wood chip supply and delivery. Once fully operational, the biomass boiler plant will save the VAMC an estimated \$500,000 per year or more than \$20 million during the life of the facility. The use of biomass allows steam generation by burning wood chips, which is a renewable carbon neutral fuel resource, and considered a "green" product. Chillicothe is the first VA Medical Center to use biomass as a primary energy source for facility steam heat. For more information about this project, call the Chillicothe VA Medical Center at 740-773-1141, Ext. 7080.

Obituaries

Leonard S. Abromowitz

Leonard S. Abromowitz, 86, of Dayton, died July 26 at Friendship Village. Mr. Abromowitz was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a publication editor at DESC for 32 years.

Force Base after 30 years of service as a carpenter.

Ruby (Hughes) Kinser

Ruby (Hughes) Kinser, 94, died Aug. 4. Ms. Kinser retired from DCSC in 1978.

George Earl "Chewy" Mills

George Earl "Chewy" Mills, 79, died Aug. 3 at his home. Mr. Mills was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for 34 years at DCSC, where he was coordinator of the Youth Summer Program.

Donald L. Brunner Sr.

Donald L. Brunner Sr., 79, died July 25 at Manor at Whitehall. Mr. Brunner was retired from DSCC.

Jack Collins

Jack Collins, 82, of Clayton, Ohio, died Aug. 1. Mr. Collins served in the armed forces and retired from DESC after 23 years of service.

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.

Edsel Emanuel Davis

Edsel Emanuel Davis, 60, died July 26. Mr. Davis was a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired from DSCC in 2006 after 25 years of service.

Helen (Gau) Tinka

Helen (Gau) Tinka, 87, formerly of Dayton, died July 29 in Florida. Ms. Tinka was a Navy WAVE during World War II and retired from DESC.

Jeraldine N. Heck

Jeraldine N. Heck, 98, of Gahanna, died Aug. 5. Ms. Heck retired in 1966 from DCSC, where she worked in finance and accounting, and was a former member of the DCSC Officers Club.

Helen Hanson Waite

Helen Hanson Waite, 86, formerly of Newark, died May 20 at a hospice in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ms. Waite was retired from Newark Air Force Base.

Arthur L. Ireland

Arthur L. Ireland, 88, died Aug. 3. Mr. Ireland was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and retired from DCSC in 1984.

Jay L. "Buddy" Witcher

Jay L. "Buddy" Witcher, 83, died July 29. Mr. Witcher was retired from DCSC after 34 years of service.

Charles H. Jakeway

Charles H. Jakeway, 88, died July 25. Mr. Jakeway was retired from Rickenbacker Air



Haskakis selected DISA Associate of the Quarter

Nick Haskakis (left) receives the DISA Columbus Associate of the Quarter award from DISA Columbus site director Rob Reed. Haskakis is an IT specialist in DISA's Information Assurance Branch.

Briefs

Bradway to be inducted into DLA Hall of Fame

A former DLA Land and Maritime senior leader will be among this year's class of inductees into the DLA Hall of Fame in a ceremony scheduled for Aug. 28 at the McNamara Headquarters Complex. The five inductees include Ann Bradway, who served as DLA Land and Maritime's director of Maritime Supplier Operations and DLA program manager for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles before her retirement in November 2008. Bradway, who joined DLA in 1973, also served as the deputy director for the Land Group and director of the Commodities Application Group during her career.

FEA golf tourney set for Sept. 10

The 11th annual Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 10, at the Eagle Eye Golf Course on the DSCC installation. Representatives from all central Ohio federal agencies are invited to participate. The format will be an 18-hole scramble beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m. The \$40 fee

includes green fees, riding cart, beverages, use of the driving range, and the chance to win fabulous prizes.

The winning team gets the FEA Tournament Golf Trophy, currently held by DFAS Columbus.

Anyone interested in registering a team should contact Barry Roberts by Sept. 5 at 614-469-5737 x8308 or barry.a.roberts@hud.gov.

Retirees luncheon set for Sept. 13

The annual DSCC and Tenant Activities Retirees Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Berwick Party House. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person.

Guest speaker Susan Reid will chronicle the historic 1964 solo flight of her sister, Jerrie Mock, a Newark, Ohio, native and Bexley housewife and the only woman to fly solo around the world.

Retirees who are interested in attending and have not been notified in the past should call Virginia Clarke at 614-855-1757 for reservations no later than Friday, Sept. 7.

Heart Healthy lunch slated for Aug. 22

The MWR Fitness Center

It's A Date

August 2012

- AUG. 17** – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement
- AUG. 20** – Women's Equality Day celebration, 10:30 a.m., Building 20 auditorium
- AUG. 26** – Women's Equality Day
- AUG. 27** – DLA Land and Maritime Supervisors Call, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium
- AUG. 31** – American Red Cross

blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement

September 2012

Hispanic Heritage Month

- SEPT. 3** – Labor Day holiday
- SEPT. 11** – Patriot Day
- SEPT. 11** – Grandparents Day
- 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

is sponsoring another Heart Healthy Lunch Aug. 22 at Weapons Park Pavilion on the DSCC installation.

For \$4 the menu includes grilled chicken, veggie or vegetarian hummus pitas with fresh vegetables, baked chips, apples, low-fat cookies and bottled water. Food will be served 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. with fitness expert Julie Wilkes speaking at 11:30.

Speedway to hold Federal Employee Military Day

Columbus Motor Speedway will hold Federal Employee Military Day on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Gates will open at 2 p.m., with racing starting at 4 p.m.

and a concert featuring Joan Jett and the Blackhearts starting at 8 p.m. Activities for children will also be included.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Greg Branson at 614-692-3555 or Gregory.branson@dlm.mil.

Register for available CPR AED classes

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. Aug. 21 and Sept. 5 and 20 or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and Sept. 20.

Job fair for vets in Columbus Aug. 23

A job fair for military veterans and their spouses is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 23, at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veteran-friendly employers, franchisors and educational institutions will be in attendance offering a variety of opportunities.

The event, sponsored by RecruitMilitary, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion, is for veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserves, and military spouses.

More information is available at www.RecruitMilitary.com.

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associate Mary Jo Rohner with the DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award for her efforts while deployed to Kuwait.

Three Associate of the Month awardees were also recognized. They are Nicole Brown for April, Matthew Coughenour for May and Amanda Sabo for June.

The commander then turned the microphone over to DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty to discuss the "Big Ideas" initiatives for DLA.

"The 'Big Ideas' initiative will be our balanced scorecard for the next four to five years. It's that simple and that profound," McLaugherty said. "I hope that all of you take the time to review each of the five Big Ideas categories and get a better idea on what this initiative is all about."

Pimpo then talked about the Inventory Management Stock Position-



DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo addresses the DLA Land and Maritime workforce during his Aug. 1 town hall meeting.

DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

ing initiative at DLA Norfolk.

"IMSP was a part of the bigger picture with Base Realignment and Closure. It was set up for DLA to manage the ser-

vice's inventories and be able to put a system in place that allows us to do that.

"IMSP was a great plan that developed some real challenges during imple-

mentation," Pimpo said. "To be clear, it was not a lack of effort from anybody from DLA or from anybody at the shipyard. It's just that there were challenges that we were

facing that were taking a lot of time to work through. It was decided that it was probably the best idea to go back to where we were before implementation and re-baseline and then re-think how the implementation is going to happen before, and if, we go forward."

McLaugherty then discussed the current statistics of Operation Full Press, noting that there had been slight setbacks but overall both Land and Maritime supply chains have been doing quite well.

"We started Operation Full Press in March and since that time we have performed magnificently. It shows you have all accepted the mission, you've recognized the importance of doing it, and are producing at unprecedented records," McLaugherty said.

In his closing, Pimpo said, "All of you make a tremendous difference every single day. A lot of folks out there have a job. They get up in the morning and go to that job, then they go home

and they don't think much about it. We, however, have something that we can be very, very proud of. There are men and women out there today that are serving on ships, in the deserts and in the air. They are using all that equipment that we buy, and because of you, they are able to do their mission. There are things that you do every single day that prevent someone from getting killed.

"Because of the feedback that we provide, because of the expertise that we bring, because of the expeditious nature that we have, this job is special. So be very, very proud of what you do. Understand that you make a difference. I've been a customer of DLA for a very long time and the honor to be able to be here and lead this organization and contribute and be part of this legacy is something that I will never ever forget.

"So thank you very much for all you have done and all that you will continue to do for this great nation," Pimpo stated.

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Fishing

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The idea for the trip came from a phone call from a Wounded Warrior representative in Washington, D.C., to MWR Outdoor Recreation Program manager Blair Hartley. Will Wonders, a veteran fisherman, wanted a way to give back to the military and those who support the troops. And since MWR's Outdoor Adventure Program is dedicated to providing and promoting lifetime leisure activities to warfighters and civilian supporters, a low-cost MWR Lake Erie fishing trip was born.

Wonders offered his boat, gear and time to give back to the military community. An avid outdoorsman, Wonders has spent most of his life hunting and fishing. His father served in the Army and various relatives have also served as far back as the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"My father has always impressed upon me the importance of the military and has always taught me to respect and admire my fellow Americans who have served," Wonders said.



John Dreska, an associate in Land Customer Operations at DLA Land and Maritime, holds up a walleye he caught during a fishing trip to Lake Erie in late July sponsored by the DSCC MWR Office.

Hartley said she hopes to offer more fishing trips through the Outdoor Adventure Program next summer.

The DSCC MWR Outdoor Adventure Program has offered many trips during the past year, including whitewater rafting, snow sports, hiking, camping, back-

packing, horseback riding, paintball, zip lining and mountain biking. Events this fall will include paintball, hiking and backpacking trips.

Information about these and other future trips can be found at the MWR website at www.dscemwr.com/upcoming.

Nuclear

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ply chains have worked tirelessly to reach this milestone," Moore said. "I think they all deserve a great round of applause."

The Navy's Nuclear Reactors Program, also known as 21N due to its weapon system designator code, is one of the Navy's top priority programs because of its criticality in keeping nuclear-pow-

ered submarines and aircraft carriers operating at full mission capability.

DLA Land and Maritime manages 21,400 of the 28,329 NRP items, with the other 25 percent split about equally between Troop Support and Aviation.

The DLA 21N team involves dozens of associates in various directorates at DLA Land and Maritime, along with other associates at Troop Support and Aviation.

Associate of the Month honored for photography, organizational skills

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Photographer Laura SanMiguel-Fearing has been selected the June Associate of Month for DLA Installation Support at Columbus.

"Photography is my life," said SanMiguel-Fearing, a native Texan from Houston. "It's my passion and I feel so blessed to have a job where I can do what I love every day. I'm grateful for the support of my parents, who have always encouraged my love of photography."

Having taken paralegal studies at the University of Houston, she is currently enrolled at Columbus State in photography and design.

Since transferring from the Fitness Center to the Business and Multimedia Division, SanMiguel-Fearing has put her Nikon to work to provide photographic support for numerous events at Land and Maritime, DS-FC and an assortment of DSCC tenant customers.

During the month of June, her on-the-spot photography support included coverage of the DLA Land and Maritime Change of Command and several award ceremonies, Maritime Director's town hall, as well as several MWR events to include the DSCC Multicultural Day and Family Fun Fest. On every task she managed to exceed her division's three-day metrics for completion of photography and print service.

Meanwhile, she also worked in the studio for photographic support for the official personnel folders for military customers, while providing photos for passports and for civilian employees in need of official DoD photos.

Other projects during this time included producing historical slide-shows for the commander and presentations for the DSCC Hall of Fame ceremony. Accomplishing these took her



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Photographer Laura SanMiguel-Fearing was recently recognized as the DLA Installation Support at Columbus Associate of the Month for June.

hours of research, editing and scanning of archive photos. She also was responsible for selecting the appropriate music to go with the visuals.

Another project was her management oversight and data entry into the DS-FCB Work Order Database, which collects all the graphics and photography support provided by her organization. With her creativity, innovation and organizational skills, she was able to accurately input data that could generate accurate and timely reports for the Business Office.

She is an Army wife and a Family Readiness Group volunteer leader. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Michael Fearing, an active Guard and Reserve motor sergeant for the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion on the DSCC installation.

Workshop emphasizes good speaking skills

By Mislin A. Perez-Fernandez

DLA Columbus EEO Hispanic Employment Program Public Affairs Liaison

The last seminar of the Professional Enhancement Series, "Diction, Pronunciation and Enunciation," helped attendees focus on improving the clarity and distinctness of their speech, and better understand individuals who may speak English differently.

This event was sponsored by the DLA Columbus EEO Hispanic Employment Program, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office and the Asian Pacific American Employment Program as part of the Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration.

The workshop speaker, Ruth Roberts-Kohno, a teaching assistant in linguistics and the Spoken English Program at The Ohio State University, focused on two major topics: 1) seeing language and pronunciation of speech sounds as a pattern; and 2) knowing how to improve communication where accents are involved.

"Everybody has an accent. Even if you think you do not have one. English is a widely spoken language around the world, so there are many accents. There are places you can go to improve communication, especially when accents are involved," she said.

Roberts-Kohno's travels to Japan and Indonesia gave her opportunities to teach English and linguistics to both adults and children overseas. Her doctorate research focused on the phonology and morphology of the African tone language Kikamba, and was published by the Research Institute of Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2005. She has also done freelance editing, and provided academic editing services for Japanese professors and graduate students.

As part of her presentation,



DLA PHOTOS BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

ABOVE: Pictured with workshop speaker Ruth Roberts-Kohno (second from right), a teaching assistant in linguistics and the Spoken English Program at The Ohio State University, are (from left) Asian Pacific American Employment Program manager Hoa Ta, Hispanic Employment Program manager Maria Buch Castillo, and MWR Relocation Assistance Program manager Lisa Passalacqua. BELOW: Ruth Roberts-Kohno, a teaching assistant in linguistics and the Spoken English Program at The Ohio State University, discusses "Diction, Pronunciation and Enunciation" during a workshop in the Building 20 auditorium.



Roberts-Kohno explained the difference between enunciation and pronunciation.

"Enunciation is how clearly you produce speech sounds in your language. Pronunciation is the pattern of how your language is produced," she said.

The speaker shared with the audience the following general facts about language: a) there

are 4,000 to 8,000 languages in the world; b) all are unique, a complete system of communication; c) each has syntax, morphology and phonology (the system or pattern of sounds); and d) each of these areas has its own pattern.

Language is typically said to be governed by group of unspoken rules that shape the way language is written, spoken and interpreted. Therefore, every language contains subsets of sounds and organizes them differently. It includes consonants, vowels and their combinations, syllable structure, and rhythm, stress, tone

and intonation.

"If someone starts to speak French, Spanish or Japanese, you can identify that the sound is different. Each language has its own sound pattern. The way you put the words together is not random. If it is, then we are unable to understand each other. We have to follow the same rules to communicate with each other. Understanding the sound pattern can help you to be a better speaker," Roberts-Kohno said.

In learning a new language, the speaker explained how people subconsciously impose the sound structure of their native language to match the new language. When the sound pattern does not match with the new language, then people cannot be understood.

How can you be a better speaker, so that people can

understand you, Roberts-Kohno asked the audience. For native speakers, she recommends slowing down when talking and saying words clearly. For non-native speakers, she recommends reducing the accent, understanding the patterns of their native language that are different from English, and being attentive and proactive. In understanding the accents of others, the speaker also recommends being familiar with the accents of people and letting them know if there is trouble understanding them.

More information about the seminars offered in the Professional Enhancement Series is available by calling HEP manager Maria Buch Castillo at 614-692-9704 or MWR Relocation Assistance Program manager Lisa Passalacqua at 614-692-7220.

Homecoming

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thereby building relationships and improving customer support.

Demand planners Janis Bryant and Nick Hauptstueck briefed Homecoming attendees on how current and future demand planning initiatives will affect industrial customers. Other Land demand planners attended the brief and interacted with the forward execution personnel.

Some of the other training topics were Stock Positioning, DPC Programming, Price Challenges, Recoupment Process and E-Procurement.

After a long day of classes and some intense discussions, both Customer Ops and Supplier Ops personnel joined together at the 19th Hole for refreshments and entertainment.

"There was great participation from weapon system support managers, customer account specialists, demand planners from Custom-

er Ops, and product specialists and acquisition specialists from Land Supplier Operations," said Marine Corps Maj. Angela Balczo, Industrial Support Division chief.

Land Readiness Division Weapons System division weapon systems support managers participated in round table discussions and in one-on-one interviews with industrial-based CSRs.

The Supplier Operations Homecoming provided specific acquisition training sessions, including but not limited to Small Business with guest speaker Gene Drombetta, the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Program with guest speaker Laverne Johnson, and engaged with the forward product specialists hosted by Don Robinette.

Additionally, the acquisition community was provided guidance/policy relating to a myriad of acquisition related procedures/processes/policy. Christy King provided the acquisition specialists a live demonstration of E-Procurement. The forward product specialists were provided technical/

quality training in Enterprise Business Systems, processing and elevating Product Quality Discrepancy Reports and Supply Discrepancy Reports, coordinating technical and quality reviews for forward buyers in support of emergency procurements, providing forward support for acceptance and Product Verification Testing, assisting Defense Contract Management Agency quality assurance representatives with inspection and acceptance, and techniques for interfacing with the customer.

"Overall, a great evolution was conducted resulting in better informed associates supporting the customer and better relationships between forward and local associates, as well as between Supplier and Customer Ops," Balczo said.

"A huge 'thank you' to all of the presenters and local associates for taking time out of their busy schedules to teach, participate and collaborate during this year's homecoming," she added.

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HONDA '01 – Accord, 125K miles, new tires, brakes and timing belt, \$5,295 OBO, 614-205-9125.

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New Procurement Process Support director familiar with Columbus

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

The new director of the Procurement Process Support directorate at DLA Land and Maritime is very happy to be back in central Ohio.

Mark Brown, who assumed his new role July 16, might be a familiar face to many associates; he has spent seven of the past 11 years in Columbus in both military and civilian capacities. He returned to Columbus recently from Defense Contract Management Agency's Baltimore office, where he was the deputy director.

"The seven years I spent here, both in uniform and as a civilian with Cherokee, were the most rewarding of my career," he said. "Working here is fun, challenging and rewarding."

The DLA Land and Maritime workforce is "second to none," he added.

"Their professionalism, attitude and work ethic is outstanding," he said. "I am fortunate and extremely happy to be back."

Brown first arrived in Columbus as a Navy captain in July 2001 as the director of the now-defunct Aerospace Weapons Systems Group. He also served as director of the Commodities Application Group and as chief of staff for one year before leaving for Defense Finance and Accounting Service Cleveland in 2005. He left DFAS in 2007 when he retired from the Navy after a 27-year career and spent the next three years as director of the Cherokee program at DLA Land and Maritime.

In that position, he oversaw the recruitment, training and assigning of up to 175 people who worked for DLA Land and Maritime as Cherokee contractors.

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DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

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port director, Brown oversees about 100 associates who are involved in crafting DLA/DoD acquisition policy and oversight, integrity and compliance specifically related to the contracting process for the DLA Land and Maritime supply chains. In addition, the directorate is responsible for developing and managing the systems and processes supporting the contracting function, overseeing DLA Land and Maritime's supplier base, and managing the Competition Advocacy Program.

"We provide the rules and tools for the supplier operations directors and the DLR sites," he said, adding that he wants his directorate to continue to be "more proactive and engaged with our customers."

"I want us to be a resource for the supply chains rather than just checkers," he said. "I want them to be able to come to us with questions about something so we can talk about it. It's got to be a teaming effort."

Brown considers himself a "people person" and said he likes being involved with his associates.

"I like going out on the floor and chatting with them and getting to know them and seeing what we can do to improve things because they are the ones who do the heavy lifting," he said. "They're the people who make sure things get done."

Brown grew up in Pennsylvania but says he has thoroughly enjoyed his time in central Ohio.

"I came to Ohio for a tour at DSCC and my family and I fell in love with the area," he said. "Columbus, Ohio, is a well-kept secret. It's a great place to live and raise a family."

In his spare time, Brown enjoys spending time with his family, working out at the DSCC Fitness Center, following Ohio State football and reading. He and his wife have two sons; the older graduated from Boston College and is working in Boston, the younger is a sophomore at OSU studying business.

Maritime purchasing agent selected as Associate of Month

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime
Public Affairs Office

A purchasing agent in Maritime Supplier Operations was recently recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Associate of the Month for June.

Amanda Sabo, a member of the PACE team, was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo at an Aug. 1 town hall session.

Sabo, who has worked for DLA for two years, described the PACE team as "a second look team" that receives and handles any part requisitions that are not awarded through the automated system.

"We take a look at them and try to award them before they go out to the buyers on the floor," she said.

Sabo said she enjoys many aspects of her job.

"I enjoy my team and working with them; it's a good support system," she said. "I definitely look forward to coming in and being here."

"I also enjoy being able to help out the warfighter. It's a very fulfilling job."

Her supervisor, Susan Knisley, said Sabo is a key member of the PACE team who is always willing to help other buyers and work with new hires to help them learn how the system works.

"She is always willing to share her knowl-



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Amanda Sabo (right), a purchasing agent in Maritime Supplier Operations, receives the Associate of the Month award for June from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during an Aug. 1 town hall session.

edge with others," Knisley said. "She has a very positive attitude and it shows in her work and in her interactions with her teammates."

Knisley also lauded Sabo for her attention to saving taxpayer dollars on contracts.

"She is constantly contacting the vendors to try to negotiate better prices and deliveries," she said. "She makes quick and decisive decisions to make sure that we are getting the best value for our customer without holding up the procurement."

Sabo was born in Elyria, Ohio, and grew up in central Ohio. She has an associate degree in business management from Columbus State Community College, from where she graduated with honors in 2010.

Away from work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, young son and three dogs.