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DSCC installation kicks off CFC with pep rally in Building 20 auditorium

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The Whitehall Yearling High School marching band and a former Ohio State University linebacker were present to help drive home the message that donations to this year's Combined Federal Campaign are needed "Now More Than Ever."

An Oct. 19 kickoff event for the CFC on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation had the feel of a pep rally with the band, footballs flying through the air and "cheerleaders" in the form of leaders from various federal agencies on the DSCC installation exhorting associates to donate

to this year's campaign, which runs through Nov. 30.

Event emcee Deb Perry, director of the DLA Land and Maritime Executive Support Office and chair of the DSCC installation CFC, said this is the first time federal agencies at DSCC have joined together for CFC.

"With all the synergy this has created, I don't know why we didn't do this before," she said. "We felt it was time to pull together instead of doing all of our individual campaigns."

Among the agencies participating are DLA Land and Maritime, Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus, Defense Information Systems Agency, DLA

Human Resources Services, DLA Training Center and the Army Recruiting Battalion.

During the kickoff rally, leaders from each agency took turns reading facts about how CFC agencies provide assistance and leading the audience in yelling that donations are needed "Now More Than Ever," the theme for this year's CFC.

The agency leaders and CFC loaned executives ran to the front of the auditorium when introduced by Perry holding footballs autographed by former Ohio State University linebacker Alvin Washington, who played for the Buckeyes from 1977-81.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
DISA Columbus director Don Maurer cites a fact about how donations to CFC helps those less fortunate as DISA Columbus CFC coordinator Ern Stovall holds a sign proclaiming this year's theme of "Now More Than Ever."

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DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Attendees at last year's Holiday Ball filled the dance floor during an evening of food, friendship, dancing and entertainment. Tickets are on sale at the DSCC ITR Office on the first floor of Building 20 for this year's DSCC Installation Holiday Ball, scheduled for 6 p.m. to midnight Dec. 7 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, in Columbus.

Second annual installation Holiday Ball set for Dec. 7

From the DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

The second annual DSCC Installation Holiday Ball, hosted by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo and Defense Finance and Accounting Service Columbus site director Martha Smith, will be held Friday, Dec. 7, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

This year's Holiday Ball will be held at a new location - the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, in Columbus.

Tickets are \$45 per person and are on sale daily in the ITR Office, located on the first floor of Building 20, adjacent to the main lobby. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Anyone interested in reserving a table, which accommodates 10 people, must pur-

chase the entire table.

The evening will begin with a military "Dining Out" followed by dance music provided by A2Z Music Pros and a showcase of some of the installation's talent at various times throughout the evening. Portraits by Patrick, a professional photographer and former DFAS associate, will be on site to take photos for a nominal fee.

Dress is semi-formal for civilians and service dress for military. Tuxedos are encouraged, but not mandatory.

Tickets are on sale through Nov. 28 and attendees must be 21 and older.

More information is available by visiting the MWR website or calling DLA Land and Maritime protocol officer Chris Mullins at 614-692-1221.

Disability theme is a call to action for keynote speaker at program

By Tony D'Elia

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

Keynote speaker TyKiah R. Wright said she was excited about the 2012 theme of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

That theme—A strong workforce is an inclusive workforce. What can you do? —has a special meaning for her.

"To me that's a call to action," Wright said. "I ask myself, what more can I do?"

Wright, in her Oct. 30 presentation to Defense Supply Center Columbus installation associates, noted several statistics, one showing that the unemployment rate among the disabled is twice that of other unem-

ployed.

To help improve the statistics and the plight of minorities and the disabled, Wright created her company, WrightChoice Inc., in 2002. Her registered 501(c)(3) company provides internship placement and professional development training to minorities and the disabled. WrightChoice serves educational institutions, businesses and nonprofit communities by sourcing and developing under-represented talent in areas such as job readiness, disability inclusion and diversity training.

Wright, who suffered a childhood disease that affected the nerves in her hands and feet, forcing her to use a wheel-



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Keynote speaker TyKiah R. Wright, founder and CEO of WrightChoice Inc., addresses the audience at DSCC's National Disability Employment Awareness Month observance held Oct. 30 in the Building 20 auditorium.

chair, graduated from Wright State University with a bachelor's degree in human resource management and master's degree in business

administration. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David

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Veterans Day parade set for Nov. 9

The 26th annual Columbus Veterans Day parade, sponsored by the Military Veterans Education Foundation (MILVETS), will be held Friday, Nov. 9, stepping off at noon from Nationwide Boulevard and High Street.

The parade will end on Broad Street at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

This year's parade pays tribute to our nation's veterans, honoring all who have served in war, conflict and peacetime. This year's theme pays homage to our returning warriors who supported

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

One of the largest such events in the nation, the parade will feature about 200 entries, including historic military vehicles, veterans service organizations, marching units, military color guards, equestrian units, floats and bands.

It is one of 20 parades in the nation that is nationally recognized by the Department of Defense.

Since the parade is held on a regular workday, attendees should plan to park in the vicinity of Nationwide Arena.

For more information,



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Military equipment is a popular part of the annual Columbus Veterans Day parade, which will be held beginning at noon Friday, Nov. 9, in downtown Columbus.

contact Al Burzynski at 614-537-5440 or via e-mail at alski1@sprint.

blackberry.net, or visit the MILVETS website at www.milvets.org.



PHOTO BY ARMY STAFF SGT. BRAD HAHN

Army 1st Lt. Laura Starin shows digital pictures to children in the Sangar Valley, Laghman Province, Afghanistan.

Army soldier shares digital photos with Afghan children

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

Army 1st Lt. Laura Starin, a civil affairs officer assigned to 412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), based at Defense Supply Center Columbus, returned home in May from her deployment to Afghanistan.

During her deployment, Starin was on a civil affairs mission in a remote village in the Sangar Valley, Laghman Province, Afghanistan.

Through her interpreter, Starin requested permission to speak with local children and women.

“The interpreter had a

digital camera. He took pictures of the children,” said Starin, who then showed the pictures to the children.

Army Staff Sgt. Brad Hahn, the squad leader, took a picture of Starin showing the locals what digital pictures look like.

“Everyone I questioned in the valley stated that they knew the United States armed forces were present in Afghanistan looking for the Taliban but before our specific mission to their valley and villages, they had not seen a U.S. soldier unless they went to a large city,” Starin said. “And I was the first American woman they had ever seen.”

Obituaries

Wayne Everette Knapp

Wayne Everette Knapp, 65, died Oct. 22. Mr. Knapp was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from DCSC.

Wiley (Papa) Morton

Wiley (Papa) Morton, 81, died Oct. 12 at his home. Mr. Morton was a U.S. Air Force veteran and worked at DESC.

Guy E. See

Guy E. See, 79, of Heath, died Oct. 29 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center. Mr. See was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and retired from the Army and Newark Air Force Base, where he was a precision instrument technician.

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Pimpo told the audience that Wright “was the first cheerleader in Columbus in a wheelchair.

“She says that belief is the key to life’s challenges and urges everyone to dream the ‘undreamable’ and think the impossible,” he said.

The purpose of DSCC’s annual National Disability Employment Awareness Month observation is to educate associates about disability employment issues and

celebrate the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities.

Two members of the Dancing Wheels Company, including founder Mary Verdi-Fletcher, got the audience to join in from their seats in performing Michael Jackson’s “Shake Your Body” on the Building 20 auditorium stage. Verdi-Fletcher, who was born with spina bifida, founded the dance company in Cleveland in 1980 to offer others with disabilities full and equal access to dance.

DFAS Columbus site director Martha Smith provided welcoming remarks to

almost 150 associates gathered in the auditorium for the event. (The event was also on streaming video for the benefit of those who could not attend.)

As Lisa Griffin sang the national anthem, Paul Gambrell followed in American Sign Language. Michelle Engle was the mistress of ceremony while Flora Martin did the invocation.

For more information on disability employment, contact EEO specialist and interpreter Sheri Kelley of the Land and Maritime Reasonable Accommodations Program at 614-692-2574.

Briefs

Associate craft show set for Nov. 13

The second of two DSCC Hand Crafted Craft Shows will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Building 20 cafeteria Buckeye and Cardinal rooms from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will feature crafts including homemade jewelry, pottery, candles, wood décor and other items handmade by associates on the DSCC installation.

Anyone who would like to participate or who needs more information can call the ITR Office at 614-692-1111.

Installation Shred Day set for Nov. 15

Another Shred Day on the DSCC installation will be held Nov. 15.

With easy drive up and drop off, associates can dispose of their personal documents, CDs and data disks at Building 16 from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The MWR Office is sponsoring the event to celebrate America Recycles Day.

It’s A Date

November 2012

American Indian Heritage Month

NOV. 7 – Native American Indian Month program, 1 p.m., Building 20 auditorium

NOV. 8 – U.S. Marine Corps birthday celebration, 9 a.m., Building 20 auditorium

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

NOV. 10 – U.S. Marine Corps 237th birthday

NOV. 11 – Veterans Day

NOV. 12 – Veterans Day holiday

NOV. 19 – Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio Leadership Conference, Polaris Quest Center

NOV. 20 – Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, 9:

For more information, call 614-692-1420.

FEA leadership conference scheduled for Nov. 19

The Federal Executive Association of Columbus and Central Ohio’s annual Leadership Training Conference will be held Monday, Nov. 19, at the Quest Business Center facility at Polaris.

This year’s theme is “Nav-

igating the White Waters of Change.” Featured speakers include DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo and Human Performance Division chief Robert Boggs. The conference is open to all federal employees within Columbus and central Ohio. The cost of the conference is \$100 per attendee; continental breakfast and lunch are included. The deadline to register

is Nov. 9. For more information, contact Marla Clifton at DLA Land and Maritime at 614-692-4828, or via e-mail at marla.clifton@dla.mil.

Mentoring program graduation set for Dec. 3

The DLA Land and Maritime Level II Mentoring Program will hold a graduation ceremony Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Building 20 auditorium. A

Fill the Boot among CFC fundraisers on DSCC installation



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Firefighter Pete Anthony accepts a donation from an associate at the Yearing Road gate for the annual “Fill the Boot” CFC fundraiser conducted Oct. 26 by the DSCC Fire Department. Assisting Anthony are firefighter Zach Taylor (center) and Firefighter Tim. Plenty of CFC-related activities and fundraisers will be held on the DSCC installation during the coming weeks, including bake sales, white elephant sales and themed basket sales in the Building 20 auditorium lobby. The DSCC installation CFC began Oct. 19 and continues through Nov. 30. For more information, call Deb Perry at 614-692-5018.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Former Ohio State University football player Alvin Washington prepares to throw an autographed football into the crowd at an Oct. 19 kickoff “pep rally” event for the Combined Federal Campaign on the DSCC installation. Washington, a linebacker who played for the Buckeyes from 1977-81 and was drafted by the New York Jets, got audience members excited by tossing footballs to them.

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Washington then had audience members on their feet as he tossed the footballs into the crowd.

DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo thanked all the agencies for their participation, saying that “we’re all part of the installation family,” and encouraging those in attendance to support CFC with a donation.

“We’re very blessed to work for the federal government and be able to provide for our families while fulfilling the mission of supporting our warfighters, and this is an opportunity for us to provide for those who are less fortunate out of the bounty we have here,” he said.

Pimpo said he and his family have benefited from CFC-affiliated agencies in the past.

“This is not about a guilt trip; this is not about mandatory giving; it’s not about that,”

he said.

“It’s about giving a few dollars a month to help others.”

DFAS Columbus deputy site director Kathleen Noe, the chair for this year’s Central Ohio and West Virginia CFC, which includes the DSCC installation CFC, also told the audience how CFC-supported agencies have helped her family in the past.

In the CFC video that was played during the kickoff, Noe said this year’s goal of \$1.65 million “is large but attain-

able” and that “we all need to pitch in ‘now more than ever.’”

Greg Winslow, vice president of development for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, also spoke to the audience about the importance of CFC to the organization’s mission of feeding the needy in central Ohio.

The kickoff rally began and ended with rousing numbers by the band members, who Perry noted were present to liven up the event even though they had the day off from school.



PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Mary Verdi-Fletcher (left) and her partner, Isaiah Henderson, both of the Dancing Wheels Company, dance to Michael Jackson’s “Shake Your Body.” Verdi-Fletcher, who was born with spina bifida, founded the dance company in Cleveland in 1980.

total of 47 program participants will receive their certificates. All associates are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Delmar McGee at 614-692-4427.

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 614-701-5104.

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. Dec. 4 and 19, or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

Boggs retires from Ohio Air National Guard after 41 years of service

By Air Force Capt. Holly Caldwell
Ohio ANG Headquarters

After nearly 41 years of service, the deputy assistant adjutant general of the Ohio Air National Guard completed his final unit training assembly at the Ohio ANG Headquarters in September.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Boggs was officially recognized for his many years of dedication to the Ohio ANG during his retirement ceremony Sept. 15 in Columbus.

Special guests of the evening included family members, including his wife and two children, several current and retired general officers, and Jim McClaugherty, deputy commander of Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, where Boggs has worked as the civilian director of the Human Performance Office since April 2009.

Many audience members were recognized for their efforts and time dedicated to the event. Boggs formally recognized retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Harry Feucht, former Ohio Air National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, for hosting his retirement and expressed the deep respect he has for him.

“After more than 40 years of service in the Ohio ANG, it is time to move on and spend time developing my inner nerd,” Boggs said. “I have so many hobbies I want to spend time on, I won’t have enough evenings or weekends to get them all done.”

Boggs began his career at the 178th Fighter Wing, where he enlisted the first female into the unit. As a senior non-commissioned officer, Boggs transferred to the 121st Air Refueling Wing (then Tactical Fighter Wing). A few months later, he pursued his commission and graduated with the rank of captain.

While at the 121st, Boggs was engaged in a myriad of roles, including administrative officer, base support officer, communications flight commander, Base Realignment and Closure officer, aircraft conversion officer, executive officer and vice wing commander.

“The Guard gave me the opportunity to do some interesting things. I was tasked to establish the 121st Communications Squadron, our first Survival Recovery Center, our first labor/management partnership, and our first Exercise Evaluation Team. We used teams to automate our inspection program,

which was a first for us and netted excellent results,” Boggs said.

Boggs acknowledged several people and what they taught him throughout his experiences at the 178th and the 121st.

“I may have played a small part, but you were the ones who shaped and continue to shape the Ohio ANG. I’m proud to leave the ANG at a time when we have such talented and dedicated leaders in our officer and enlisted ranks,” he said.

He mentioned lifelong friends and mentors he made during his early years at the 121st and how they served as perfect examples of what traditional Guard members bring to the fight.

“The secret to our success is the passion and commitment of our airmen. Their professionalism, educational level, both enlisted and officer, and commitment to the state and nation is inspiring. We have truly become an operational force,” Boggs said.

He shared several stories reminiscing about fun times working with friends, lasting impressions, and differences between then and today.

Some things Boggs learned during his time in the ANG included



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB BOGGS

Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Boggs (right) receives the Legion of Merit from Air Force Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Harry W. Feucht Jr., former Ohio Air National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, during Boggs’ retirement ceremony after 41 years of service to the OANG. In his civilian job, Boggs is chief of the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division.

always keep learning, keep adding value, don’t let others define who you are or what you can do, surround yourself with those who are better than you in something and passionate about what they do, don’t give up, live your organization’s values, and leave the place better than you found it.

“The ANG has been a significant part of my life and the life of my family. The Ohio ANG became more than a place to work, it allowed each of you (audience members) to become a part of my family,” Boggs stated.

He closed his speech by recognizing his children and wife.

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DLA Troop Support, Product Test Center partner on military uniform support

By Mikia Muhammad
DLA Troop Support

Tucked away at a Philadelphia Navy compound is a Defense Logistics Agency testing center that ensures uniforms worn by military members meet strict standards for color, wear and safety, a supply chain technical and quality control director said.

The facility, known as the Product Test Center, supports DLA Troop Support's clothing and textiles supply chain, ensuring dress and utility uniforms, accessories and other uniform items meet service specifications for use by soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, Ali Ahmed said.

"Testing is an integral part of the business," Ahmed, who holds a doctoral degree in textiles science, said. "Before we send goods to the troops, they have to be tested. My job is to make sure everything that goes out meets the requirements."

More than 90 percent of the work performed in the product testing center directly benefits DLA Troop Support Clothing and Textiles, although the center is technically a DLA facility under the command and control of DLA Land and Maritime, said Paul Conrad, the product testing center manager.

Ahmed oversees the clothing and textiles supply chain's supplier support division, which performs technical and quality control functions for recruit and dress clothing, utility uniforms and accessories, individual equipment and other items that go through various testing processes to meet standards set by the services.

Technical and quality specialists work with the center to test these standards, both before an item goes into production, as well as after production is complete but before the items are accepted by the services.

Testing can take place in three different stages of the procure-



DLA Product Testing Center chemist Ardra Farally displays fabric samples in the color shading laboratory, where every piece of fabric the military buys is tested. Fabric and materials procured by the DLA Troop Support clothing and textiles supply chain are color science tested to meet specified standards within acceptable tolerances.

ment process, Ahmed said.

The first is during the pre-award or product demonstration model phase. The second is during first-article testing, which requires the contractor to produce sample materials after the contract has been awarded. The third stage is during lot acceptance testing, which is similar to FAT; however, it requires a Defense Contract Management Agency quality assurance representative to randomly select samples for further inspection and testing from a bulk production lot on site.

While DLA Troop Support product specialists evaluate the visual and dimensional properties of items, the Product Testing Center performs physical, chemical and shade evaluation tests as required for certain items.

Both the clothing and textiles supply chain and the Product Test Center are located on the same Naval Support Activity installation, which makes communication faster and increases productivity,

Ahmed said.

Conrad said color science testing conducted in the shading laboratory is a unique function of the center as it requires its technicians to have near-perfect color identification skills.

Color science technicians work on an almost 24-hour basis analyzing yards of fabric to make sure contractors meet specified shade standards within acceptable tolerances. They look at all colors within the 11 different camouflage patterns ordered by the services to make sure they are identical throughout a lot of fabric.

"In the military, shading is one of the most important things you can ever have, and we do it all under different types of light," Conrad said. "Every piece of fabric the military buys has to be shaded by this laboratory for meeting certain tolerances, and if it doesn't meet it, the contractor can't ship it."



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING
Department of the Army intern Chad Roberts (center) chats with Alessia Payne of the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division and Deputy Chief of Staff Griff Warren at the beginning of his six-week rotational assignment at DLA Land and Maritime.

Army intern completes 7-week DLA rotation

DLA Land and Maritime was the host to Department of Army intern Chad Roberts from Aug. 8 through Sept. 26 to help him learn about DLA and how it supports the warfighter.

Roberts joined the Land Customer Operations directorate, where he was mentored by Anthony Stone. During his rotational assignment, DLA Land and Maritime representatives provided an intensive training curriculum that included job role overviews and job shadowing initiatives.

During his time in Columbus, Roberts learned about acquisition, supply, quality assurance, financial management, equal employment, internal review, legal, business and procurement processes, Continuous Process Improvement, operations support and small business. He also participated in different types of meetings, focus groups, forums,

TKO supplier training, and was able to tour the Product Test Center labs.

"By far this has been the best rotational assignment I have completed. I commend my mentor, trainers, leadership and the program manager for their guidance and professionalism," Roberts said during a briefing with command leaders prior to his departure. He noted that during his DLA Land and Maritime assignment, he was able to build networks that will help him in future endeavors.

After leaving DLA Land and Maritime, Roberts reported to TACOM.

DLA Land and Maritime has participated as host site for the Army intern rotational program for the last five years. Anyone who would like more information about the program can call program manager Alessia Payne of the DLA Land and Maritime Human Performance Division at 614-692-9829.

Maritime associate recognized as DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of Month

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

An associate who supervises a team of product specialists in Maritime Supplier Operations was recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor for August.

Ed Anderson, who has nearly 29 years of service with the Defense Logistics Agency, was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo at a Sept. 25 Supervisors Call.

Anderson supervises a team of 11 associates who focus on procuring items for the Aircraft Launch and Recovery systems on Navy aircraft carriers, along with other miscellaneous fittings.

He said he asks his team members to "work hard but also to have some fun" because that "makes it a better environment for everybody."

Anderson, a native of Indiana, said he enjoys working with his team members and for DLA.

"You've got to work 40 hours a week somewhere and this is a great place to do it," he said. "There's a lot of good variety for product specialists in their jobs."

"A lot of making this a

good place to work is your attitude toward your job," he added.

His supervisor, Deena Griffith, said Anderson "motivates his team members to perform to the best of their abilities and inspires them to achieve success."

She noted that as a direct result of his leadership, his team achieved 100 percent of its fiscal 2011 metrics and is on track to do the same for fiscal 2012.

"Mr. Anderson empowers his team to manage their workloads, but ensures the proper control mechanisms are in place to ensure quality and timely work completion," Griffith stated.

Anderson was also lauded for his efforts to work with industry partners to make sure the needs of military customers are met. For example, when a major supplier recently bought out another supplier and began changing many part numbers for the items it manufactures, he arranged a face-to-face meeting with the supplier to discuss solutions to make sure the needed items continued to be available during the transition.

"By teaming with industry, his product spe-



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Maritime Supplier Operations associate Ed Anderson receives the Supervisor of the Month award memento for August from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during a Sept. 25 Supervisors Call.

cialist team, the supply team and management, he ensured that customer support on these critical items would not be interrupted," Griffith said.

Anderson, a Centerburg resident, has

an associate degree in electrical engineering from IIT Technical Institute.

Away from work, he enjoys woodworking and building things, and watching college football.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS
Associates who rely on the cafeterias on the DSCC installation for breakfast and/or lunch will need to make alternate meal arrangements after Nov. 9, when all three cafeterias on the DSCC installation will close due to the expiration of a contract with current food service provider Sodexo. Installation officials are working to find a new contractor to provide food services on the installation.

DSCC installation seeking new food service provider

Cafeterias in three buildings to close Nov. 9

Federal employees on the Defense Supply Center Columbus installation who use the cafeterias on the installation are being urged to make alternate meal arrangements after Nov. 9.

DLA Installation Support at Columbus officials recently announced that Sodexo, the vendor who provides cafeteria food service for federal employees at DSCC, has indicated it will not be renewing its contract. Installation-wide food service in the cafeterias in buildings 11, 20 and 21 will stop Nov. 9.

Installation officials are actively pursuing viable

short term food service options such as grab-and-go and heat-and-serve food items. They are also working to secure a permanent food vendor.

Until a permanent food vendor can be found, installation employees will need to make alternate meal arrangements for at least the next several months.

Regular status updates to installation employees will be provided through supervisory chains and other installation messaging options.

Anyone who would like more information should call Patric McGuane at 614-692-9320 or Jim Rose at 614-692-3187.

Harnitchek discusses culture survey, 'Big Ideas' at Oct. 9 Director's Call

By Jacob Boyer
DLA Strategic Communications

DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek discussed the results of the agency's latest culture survey and his "Big Ideas" Oct. 9 during a Director's Call with the DLA workforce from the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

The results of the 2012 DLA Culture Survey were slightly lower than those of the previous survey, which was conducted in 2010, Harnitchek told those attending in the McNamara Auditorium and viewing over a live video feed. Most of the reduced scores were in the 1-4 percent range that officials at Denison Consulting consider insignificant, he said. This includes the agency's overall score, which dropped from 52 to 48. The Denison rating compares the agency to more than 900 other organizations, so that score measures how the agency compares to others.

The admiral said that while Denison considers the reduced scores insignificant, he wants to see DLA improve and score in the 60th and 70th percentiles eventually. The Denison model shows organizations their scores in a circular chart. Organizations fill those circles, which Harnitchek likened to donuts, as their scores improve.

"We want the grades to go up, because we want people to be happy to be in their work here," he said. "Hopefully in 2014 we'll have more color in our donut, because we'll have taken a hard look at this and fixed it."

Harnitchek said improv-



DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek discusses results of the 2012 DLA Culture Survey with DLA employees during the Director's Call Oct. 9 at the McNamara Headquarters Complex. Employees attended in person or were able to view the event via streaming video.

ing DLA's culture will require efforts from every team member.

"Everybody's got to do this. I can't do this myself. I affect a very small group of people (here)," he said. "I set the tone, but if you're a leader in this organization that has something to do, I'm going to ask you to do it."

One thing the director said he would do to improve communication within the agency was ensure Director's Calls are held more often in the future.

"I'm not sure when the last all-hands call was, but it's been a while," he said. "I will do my best to do these once a quarter so we're not waiting six months in between."

Harnitchek also discussed his five Big Ideas – decrease

material costs, decrease operational costs, improve customer service, reduce inventory and achieve audit readiness – and how they will contribute to DLA's efforts to reduce costs by 10 percent during the next five years.

"We have to achieve the same fabulous effects we are now for less money," he said. "I'm not talking about less people. I'm talking about the money we spend to do stuff, whether it's fuel, repair parts or light bulbs. I don't care what it is; I want to get a better deal. I want the same effect for 10 percent less money."

Saving that money is something that has to start now, Harnitchek said.

"We can't wait until the last couple years to do that," he

said "We have to start hitting homers next year so we are gaining momentum and putting money in the bank, so when we get to the fifth year, we're not trying to get all that money in one year. That just won't work."

"What does that mean to you?" he continued. "If you're one of the 27,000 people at DLA, you've got a part of that. If you have a good idea on how to do that, I want you to do that. ... You are fully empowered to do that."

The admiral also focused on DLA's current operations, including contingency efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, humanitarian support to Hurricane Isaac, and issues in Congress with continuing funding resolutions and sequestration. He highlight-

ed the work done to improve supply lines into Afghanistan over the past year following Pakistan's closure of the border between the two countries.

Harnitchek also recognized four teams and one person for the work they've done toward his five big ideas. They were:

* "Reduce Inventory: Clean Out the Attic" – DLA Energy's Inventory and Distribution Management.

* "Achieve Audit Readiness: Prove It" – DLA Finance's Appropriations Received Audit Readiness Team.

* "Improve Customer Service: Delight Our Customers" – DLA Distribution's Air Force Serviceable Maintenance Turn-In/Z-A Expedited Returns Team.

* "Decrease Direct Material Costs: Be Smart Buyers of the Right Stuff" – DLA Land and Maritime's Value Management Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Team.

* "Decrease Operating Costs: Improve Process and Productivity" – DLA Distribution's Jessica Gratkowski.

Harnitchek closed by thanking DLA team members for the work they do.

"Thank you for what you're doing," he said. "We're doing amazing things. I make a lot of jokes about us being a logistics gorilla trodding the earth, but we really are. There's nothing that we can't do or aren't doing now. We're just a fabulous organization. We really are, in everything we do. I have to tell you, it is a real thrill to come to work here. I have the greatest job in the world. I show up and turn you all loose."

Land Customer Ops associate recognized as Supervisor of the Month

By Dan Bender
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

An associate in Land Customer Operations who leads others in solving backorder issues for major Army customers in the United States is the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for September.

Shawn Scott, who has 17 years of service with the Defense Logistics Agency, supervises 10 customer account specialists who work to make sure Army customers get the items they need.

Each CAS focuses on certain Army customers, such as Fort Riley, Fort Hood and Fort Drum, to resolve backorders "and make sure they have the items they need to complete their mission," Scott said of his team's mission.

Scott said he believes in treating people the way he would like to be treated.

"I treat my team members with courtesy and

respect, but I expect them to do their job and earn their paycheck," he said. "I try not to micro-manage or hold a lot of meetings so that we can focus on getting the work done."

He added that he also believes it's important to "have a little bit of fun" occasionally. He and his team members recently enjoyed root beer floats at a meeting featuring root beer that had been judged the winner of a blind taste test of five root beer brands at a previous meeting.

"When you work on frustrating issues all day long and you get one break from that, even if it's once a quarter, to do something fun, you see the results of that," he said, adding that the taste test and floats were "really fun."

His efforts to build team camaraderie and meet work goals were praised by his supervisor, Keith Rose.

"His team building efforts consistently result

in cohesiveness, camaraderie and sustain a high level of loyalty, quality and quantity of work accomplishments," Rose said.

Scott was also lauded for his communication skills and professionalism, particularly during a recent re-organization of the Land Customer Operations work areas that required associates to move to new locations.

"Through his weekly staff meeting and informal daily communication, all employees were well prepared and transitioned smoothly to their new physical environment and adjusted well to their new management teams," Rose stated.

Scott said "helping our customers" and trying to be the best he can be are what he enjoys most about his job.

After serving four years in the U.S. Navy as a master at arms, Scott was hired at DLA Land and Maritime as a police officer and worked in that position for seven years.



Land Customer Operations associate Shawn Scott receives the Supervisor of the Month award memento for September from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during an Oct. 29 Supervisors Call.

After completing a bachelor's degree in business management from Park University, Scott moved into the business side of DLA Land and Maritime as an item manager intern in the now-defunct Commodities Application Group,

which was later absorbed into the Maritime supply chain. He has worked in Land for the last eight years.

Away from work, the Lancaster, Ohio, native enjoys spending time with his wife and teen-aged son.

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Reckless Drivers take golf league title in playoff round victory

By Dan Bell
DLA Installation Support at Columbus

The "Reckless Drivers" won the 2012 Sportsman's Golf League championship Sept. 19 following a playoff round at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. The winning Reckless Drivers' consisted of team captain Tim Voelker, Don Durbin, Darren Baldago and Tom Perone.

The Reckless Drivers won the second half of the league and entered the final week of play in a championship playoff against the first half winning "Ball Busters." The Reckless Drivers took 44 of 80 possible points and ended the season with 977 total points. The Ball Busters finished in second place with 899 points and third place was taken by 2011 champion "Team Jordans."

Durbin led the Reckless Drivers with a total of 221 points while Voelker had the team's highest winning percentage against opponents with an impressive 56.05 percent. Opponents attribute Voelker's success to his short game and putting.

The second place team Ball Busters consisted of captain Chad Cantrell, Dan Bell, Mike O'Meara and Moe Barford. Third place team "Jordans" consisted of captain Tom LeFever, Dan Krist, Jim Weston and Gary Vanderbosch.

The Sportsman's Golf League consists of current and former employees of DSCC and has played since the early 1980s. The 2012 season was moved to the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course due to construction at the Airport Golf Course. The 2013 season matches will return to the



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAN BELL
Top, Members of 2012 Sportsman's Golf League were (front row from left) Dan Bell, Darren Baldago, Tim Voelker, Nick Bell, Tom Perone, Jim Homce, Chad Cantrell and Dan Krist; and (back row from left) Bob Kelly, Daryl Gossett, Mike Ward, Dick Martin, Dave Sennett, Keith Caulkins, Shawn Schartiger, Jim Weston, Don Durbin, Al Bless, Ray Griffith, Dale Gliva, Moe Barford, Gary Vanderbosch, Tom Perone and Mike O'Meara.

The champions of the 2012 Sportsman's Golf League season were the Reckless Drivers, comprised of (from left) Don Durbin, Tom Perone, Darren Baldago and captain Tim Voelker. They are standing on the first tee of the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course.

Airport Golf Course.

The SGL held its end of season outing Sept. 28 at St. Alban's Golf Course in Alexandria, Ohio. SGL president Tom LeFever and league secretary Jim Weston presided over a formal awards ceremony. The Most Valuable Player was Mike O'Meara, who finished with a winning percentage of 62.22. Dan Krist garnered Low Scratch honors with a 33; he also won Low Net with a score of 24. The outing included a formal business meeting followed by dinner.

