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## Land and Maritime associates, teams recognized at annual DLA ceremony

By Amanda Neumann  
DLA Strategic Communications

Referring to the agency as a “logistics juggernaut,” DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek recognized numerous outstanding employees and teams at the 45th annual Employee Recognition Program Dec. 12 at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

The ceremony included 37 awards selected from among 81 nominations, including eight award winners from DLA Land and Maritime.

During the ceremony, employees were also recognized with the DLA Humanitarian Effort Award for their contributions in support of Hurricane Sandy.

“This year, we had the honor of doing something for our fellow citizens in Hurricane Sandy,” Harnitchek said. “If you’re working at DLA, you had a part in the great work that this agency did in support of our fellow citizens. And I can tell you, it



DLA PHOTO BY TEODORA MOCANU

The DLA Land and Maritime Equal Employment Opportunity Office received the DLA Award for Achievement in EEO by an Organization. From left to right are office director Charles Palmer, Frances Quinones, DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek, LaMetra Dulaney, DLA EEO director Stephanie Credle and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo.

was more than just some little tactical actions here that made a difference in the margins. You responded on the equivalent scale of what the storm was and you made a real difference.”

Recognizing employees for the Hurricane Sandy effort was

important, Harnitchek said, noting the immense scope of the agency’s efforts. He said the agency’s successes rested upon the “can-do” attitude of its employees.

“We knew the country was in need, and you all responded,”

he said. “We never said no, even though we had no idea how we were going to do it. When you’re a senior leader, and you run an outfit like that, you get asked, ‘Hey Admiral Harnitchek, do you think DLA can do this?’ Yeah, we can. And we did it.”

Noting that the past year has gone by quickly, Harnitchek looked ahead for the agency, emphasizing that next year will also bring challenges.

“We’re going to have some big surprises, whether that’s another hurricane, an earthquake, or some contingency or conflict somewhere,” he said. “It’s going to happen. But we’re going to be ready, and we’re going to do the right thing.”

This year’s 10 outstanding DLA personnel included DLA Land and Maritime associates Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Nakeia Brinson of the Maritime-Pearl Harbor detachment and Sara Finney of Maritime Supplier Operations, who could not be present for the ceremony.

The other winners were Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Richardo Munoz and Carmelita Fuentes of DLA Distribution, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kyle Brinkman, Keith Harvey and Michael Blanken-

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## Agency, DLA Land and Maritime employee receive DoD disability awards at Pentagon

By Lally Laksbergs  
DLA Strategic Communications

The Defense Logistics Agency was recognized by the Defense Department for its efforts in employing individuals with disabilities, and a DLA Land and Maritime employee was recognized for his contributions to national security at the 32nd Annual Department of Defense Disability Awards Dec. 4 at the Pentagon.

DLA, which was honored for the 13th time in 18 years, is one of the few organizations that adds its

own funds for Workforce Recruitment Program students to the DoD funds already provided. During the evaluation time period, DLA hired 93 students: 83 DoD funded, 10 DLA funded and eight permanent hires. Thirty-three of the students had targeted disabilities.

“We have a robust WRP program,” said Stephanie Credle, DLA’s director of equal employment opportunity.

DLA is second only to the Army in WRP hires, and agency leaders pride themselves on DLA’s dis-

ability employment efforts. Within the agency, the percentage of employees with targeted disabilities is 1.66 percent, with an overall agency goal of 3 percent.

“We are positioned to achieve our goal to be a world-class employer of people with disabilities,” Credle said. “We want to recruit, hire, retain and promote individuals with disabilities.”

John Clark, a change management specialist in the DLA Land and Mar-

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PHOTO BY KIMBERLY ALLISON

DLA Land and Maritime employee John Clark Jr. (center) poses for a photo with DLA and DoD leaders, including DLA Land and Maritime Deputy Commander James McLaugherty (left), at the 32nd Annual Department of Defense Disability Awards ceremony. He was recognized as an outstanding employee with a disability. DLA Chief of Staff Fred Baillie (right) accepted a DoD disability award on behalf of DLA.

## Federal Voice seeking new publishing contract

This is the last issue of the *Columbus Federal Voice* from its current publisher.

The *Voice* publisher, Cox Media Group of Ohio, has decided to end its contract with DLA Land and Maritime to print and distribute the *Voice*.

*Voice* editor Dan Bender thanked CMGO and its employees for their support during the past 18 months and stated that the public affairs office “has enjoyed a good partnership with Cox Media Group of Ohio to publish *The Voice*. We appreciate their efforts.”

Bender said he is optimistic that efforts to find another publisher to print and distribute the

*Voice* will be successful, although how soon that might occur is unknown.

Bender expressed his thanks and appreciation to the dedicated DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office staff members who have written stories for the *Voice*, along with public affairs officers, liaisons and federal employees from other federal agencies who have submitted stories for publication in the *Voice*.

“Without their contributions, the *Voice* would not be the great product it is,” he said. “The *Voice* is a publication where employees from all federal agencies in central Ohio can be recognized for their service to our great nation.”

Bender said the *Voice* “has been ‘the voice’ of federal employees in central Ohio since October 1993. It is a great forum to share successes and interesting stories about federal employees in the Columbus area.”

Whether the *Voice* will return as a printed product in some form remains to be seen, but in the meantime, all Defense Logistics Agency employees in central Ohio can view the latest DLA news on the DLA Today website, where stories about associates and events involving DLA organizations in central Ohio will continue to be posted on the DLA Land and Maritime page.

## Hundreds partake in festivities at installation Holiday Ball



DLA PHOTO BY LAURA SANMIGUEL-FEARING

A crowd of about 450 people comprised of military and civilian federal employees who work at Defense Supply Center Columbus and their guests attended the DSCC Installation Holiday Ball. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo and DFAS Columbus site director Martha Smith were the hosts for the event, held Dec. 7 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. The event featured a night of dancing, dining and entertainment, along with elements of a formal military “dining out,” including a color guard and toasts to the various military services and civilian workforce. Pimpo expressed his thanks to the planning committee members who helped organize the event.

## Maritime associate to receive Sailor of the Year award from NOSC



PHOTO BY NAVY PSC(AW) PATRICK A. MARQUEZ

Navy Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Chris Deason (right), a DLA Land and Maritime intern, has been selected as the Junior Reserve Sailor of the Year by the Naval Operational Support Center at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Deason is shown receiving the Sailor of the Quarter award for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 from Navy Rear Adm. Bryan P. "Clutch" Cutchen, Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command, during a recent award ceremony. He served eight years active duty with the U.S. Navy and has been working through the DLA Pathways to Career Excellence Program (formerly the DLA Corporate Intern Program) as a customer account specialist on the Foreign Military Sales team in Maritime Customer Operations. He served a six-month deployment with DLA Disposition Services to Camp Victory, Iraq, from January to June 2011. A native of Pataskala, Ohio, Deason is being recognized for his overall work with his Navy Reserve unit, his work toward a master's degree and his work in the community, which includes serving as assistant freshman football coach at Watkins Memorial High School.

## Land and Maritime associate recognized for Afghanistan work



DLA PHOTO

DLA Land and Maritime's Paul A. Bennett, a DLA warfighter support representative, receives the Civilian Achievement Medal during a Nov. 17 "Hail and Farewell" ceremony for work done in the 4/401st Army Field Support Battalion at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. Presenting the award is Lt. Col. Stan J. Sliwinski, the battalion commander.

## Federal employees collect winter clothing items for local students

PHOTO COURTESY OF ALITA KAY

DFAS Columbus employees Mary Mathews, Tutti (Ruth Anne) Doeslaere and Melinda Nelson display some of the nearly 800 items of winter clothing that were donated by federal employees on the DSCC installation for students at Broadleigh Elementary School. Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers conducted the collection drive, which ended Dec. 7. The items were delivered to the school, which is the DSCC installation's Adopt-A-School partner, on Dec. 11. Federal employees contributed coats, boots, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats to the cause of keeping local students warm this winter.



## ThankYous

I would like to thank the DLA Land and Maritime commander, the Civilian Welfare Council, Toastmasters Club 3500 and my co-workers and friends in Maritime Supplier Operations for their expressions of sympathy and support. CFC donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Central Ohio were made following the passing of my mother. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and support during the past two years.

### Tom Collins, DLA Land and Maritime

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

## Disability

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itime Human Performance Division, was lauded by supervisors for his efforts in assisting customers and his commitment and dedication to them no matter their location. He has nearly 22 years of service with DLA.

"I'm very honored to have been nominated for this award, even more so to have received it," Clark said in a recent interview. "It's always good to know that your work doesn't go unrecognized."

Clark, who was one of 17 individuals honored at the DoD event, is classified as a walk-

ing quadriplegic due to severe injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in 1986. He suffered numerous broken bones in his neck, back and limbs, along with nerve damage to all four limbs. Less than 1 percent of quadriplegics have the recovery and classification that Clark does.

During the ceremony, Clarence Johnson, director of DoD's Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, spoke about the nation's challenges and emphasized that hiring employees with disabilities taps into talents needed to meet the challenges of the future.

Stephen King, DoD's director of disability programs, also

spoke about the abilities and skills people with disabilities bring to the workplace.

"The bottom line is America must employ the talents, skills and capabilities of incredibly bright and productive citizens, both in and out of uniform, who want to serve our country," King said.

In a recent report released by the Office of Personnel Management, Director John Berry touted the increases in federal employees hired with disabilities and reiterated his pursuit of an integrated approach to doing so.

"We are committed to ensuring that the federal government remains a model employer for

people with disabilities," Berry wrote. "We will continue to increase our efforts to recruit, hire and retain workers with disabilities."

In total, more than 200,000 individuals with disabilities now work for the federal government.

The Department of Defense Disability Awards ceremony recognizes DoD organizations for efforts in the employment of individuals with disabilities and highlights the accomplishments of DoD employees with disabilities and wounded, ill or injured service members.

(Dan Bender of DLA Land and Maritime contributed to this story.)

## Briefs

### DSCC to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 15

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and observance ceremony on the DSCC installation will be held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 15 in the Building 20 auditorium.

All associates are welcome to attend the celebration.

### Nominations open for Woodson award

The Defense Federal Community is sponsoring its 24th Annual Defense Federal Community Carter G. Woodson Award in conjunction with the National Black/African American History Month celebration in February. Nominations are being solicited from federal agencies in central Ohio to select two nominees. One nominee will be a federal employee and the other will be chosen from the civilian community. They will be honored for their significant contributions made to the African-American community.

Nominations should be submitted in final form to the DSCC Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Attn: C.G. Woodson Award, Building 20,

## It's A Date

### December 2012

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Universal Human Rights Month

DEC. 21 – First Day of Winter

DEC. 25 – Christmas Day

DEC. 26 – Kwanzaa begins

DEC. 31 – New Year's Eve

### January 2013

JAN. 1 – New Year's Day

JAN. 4 – Armed Forces Blood Program blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement

JAN. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

JAN. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration, 10:30 a.m., Building 20 auditorium

JAN. 18 – American Red Cross blood drive, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Building 20 Pod C basement

JAN. 20 – Inauguration Day

JAN. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance

Pod C, Room 146N, no later than Jan. 25.

For more information, call Flora Martin at 614-692-6345 or the DLA Land and Maritime EEO Office at 614-692-2577.

### Chillicothe VA lab receives accreditation

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center Pathology and Laboratory has been awarded accreditation by the Accreditation Committee of the College of Amer-

ican Pathologists, based on the results of a recent onsite inspection.

The Chillicothe VA is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories worldwide. The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and

quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, as well as the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, in addition to the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

### 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. Jan. 9 or Feb. 5 and 20, or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 9 and 23, and Feb. 5.

## Obituaries

### Ernest "Butch" Bowsher

Ernest "Butch" Bowsher, 66, of Sun City, Fla., died Dec. 5. Mr. Bowsher was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from DSCC.

### William "Bill" Engel

William "Bill" Engel, 48, of Gahanna, died Dec. 6. Mr. Engel worked for DFAS Columbus for the past 20 years.

### Richard Henry Lee Hill

Richard Henry Lee Hill, 79, died Dec. 2 at Greene Oaks Nursing Center in Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Hill was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and retired from DESC.

### Leticia Marlene McClain

Leticia Marlene McClain, 60, died Nov. 28 at her residence. Ms. McClain retired in 2003 as a data input technician at DESC.

### Narciso "Jake" Pacheco

Narciso "Jake" Pacheco, 84, of Fairborn, died Dec. 2 at the Miami Valley Hospital. Mr. Pacheco was a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired from DESC.

### Lois J. Shady

Lois J. Shady, 74, of Massillon died Dec. 5. Ms. Shady retired from DSCC in 1998.

### Louise Marie Stilwell

Louise Marie Stilwell, 86, of Pataskala, died Dec. 7 at Tuscany Gardens in Pataskala. Ms. Stilwell worked for many years at DSCC.

### Walter "Mike" H. Sweet Jr.

Walter "Mike" H. Sweet Jr., of Columbus, died Dec. 4. Mr. Sweet was retired from DSCC.

### Phyllis M. Weaver

Phyllis M. Weaver, 84, died Nov. 25 at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte, Fla. Ms. Weaver formerly worked as a cook at DCSC.

# Land Supplier Operations associate selected Supervisor of the Month

By Dan Bender  
DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

An associate in Land Supplier Operations who supervises product assurance specialists has been selected the DLA Land and Maritime Supervisor of the Month for October.

Don Robinette, who has worked for DLA for 13 years, was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo at a Dec. 10 Supervisors Call.

Robinette supervises associates who are product assurance specialists, some of whom are forward located at depot storage sites and Army industrial sites around the nation. He and his team work with customers to make sure the items they receive are correct and meet military specifications.

Robinette said he is a firm believer in teamwork and setting an example for subordinates.

“You need to get in there and be willing to get your hands dirty and set an example for your workers,” he said. “If they see that, they will respect you.”

“If you take care of people, they will take care of you,” he added.

His award nomination from Steve Van Sickler, a product assurance specialist in New Cumberland, Pa., states that Robinette has cultivated and developed relationships across various DLA disciplines and “embraces personnel acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause.”

Robinette was lauded for his willingness to take immediate action to assist with resolving technical and quality issues and for his assistance in working with depots in New Cumberland and San Joaquin, Calif., a task for which he has been responsible for clearing more than \$22 million in DLA stock that had been listed “Code

Litigation” due to non-compliance.

“The impact of Mr. Robinette’s actions resulted in clearing blocked stock, which allowed immediate release of the items to the customer and resulted in savings to DLA by allowing orders to be filled from contracts which were already in place, thus eliminating additional purchases which would have resulted in over-procurements,” his nomination stated.

Van Sickler also commended Robinette for his ability to be innovative in overcoming daily workload and systems challenges faced by his forward located personnel.

“The forward execution product specialist roles and responsibilities vary greatly from those housed at DLA Land and Maritime and Mr. Robinette has had to pioneer the evolution of these forward product specialists and their functionality,” Van Sickler stated.



DLA PHOTO BY CHUCK MORRIS

Land Supplier Operations associate Don Robinette receives the Supervisor of the Month award memento for October from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during a Dec. 10 Supervisors Call.

Robinette said such challenges are what he enjoys about his job.

“No two days are the same,” he said. “My work is scattered all over the place.”

A native of Circleville, Ohio, Robinette is a 14-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. His brother, Keith, is the director of the DLA Prod-

uct Test Center on the DSCC installation.

“It’s great getting to see him every now and then (at work),” he said, “and to have someone to lean on for advice when I need it.”

Away from work, Robinette enjoys fishing, woodworking and cooking.

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# Ceremony

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ship of DLA Energy, John Coleman of DLA Installation Support, Andrew Drake of DLA Pacific and Michael Medora of DLA Troop Support.

DLA Land and Maritime won three Equal Employment Opportunity Awards, including John Clark, who received the Outstanding DLA Employee with a Disability Award, Navy Chief Petty Officer Ebony Pinnock of the Pearl Harbor detachment, who received the DLA Award for Achievement in EEO by a Supervisor or Manager, and the Land and Maritime EEO Office, which received the DLA Award

for Achievement in EEO by an Organization.

Civilian leadership award recipients included Sharon Tillman of DLA Land and Maritime in the Level 1 (Non-Supervisory) category.

Acquisition Excellence Award winners included the DLA Land and Maritime Industrial Product-Support Vendor team, which received the Excellence in Contract Administration award, and associate Charles Arata, who received the Excellence in Procurement Analysis award.

Other award winners not recognized during the ceremony included DLA Land and Maritime associate Flora Martin, who received the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award.



DLA PHOTO BY TEODORA MOCANU

The DLA Land and Maritime Industrial Product-Support Vendor team received an Excellence in Contract Administration award. From left to right are DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek, team representatives Thomas Maul, Heriberto (Eddie) Chacon and Musen Yin, DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo and DLA acquisition executive Nancy Heimbaugh.



DLA PHOTOS BY TEODORA MOCANU

(Top left) Sharon Tillman, a DLA Land and Maritime customer logistics site specialist located at Kings Bay, Ga., receives a DLA Leader Award in the Level 1 (Non-Supervisory) category from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. (Top center) Charles Arata of DLA Land and Maritime receives the Excellence in Procurement Analysis award from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. (Top right) Navy Petty Officer Nakeia Brinson from the DLA Maritime-Pearl Harbor detachment receives a Top Ten Outstanding DLA Personnel award from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. (Bottom left) DLA Land and Maritime associate Toney Madison (center) was among numerous DLA employees recognized with the DLA Humanitarian Effort Award for their contributions in support of Hurricane Sandy. With Madison are DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek and DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo. (Bottom center) Navy Chief Petty Officer Ebony Pinnock of the DLA Land and Maritime-Pearl Harbor detachment receives the DLA Award for Achievement in EEO by a Supervisor or Manager from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek. (Bottom right) DLA Land and Maritime associate John Clark receives the DLA Outstanding Employee with a Disability award from DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek.

# Former Land and Maritime Navy officer gets upfront view of Navy budgeting process

By Dan Bender

DLA Land and Maritime Public Affairs Office

A Navy officer who formerly worked at DLA Land and Maritime and is back on temporary assignment spent the past two years working on Navy budgets that guide future repair part appropriations that will ultimately affect DLA.

Navy Cmdr. Kevin Cheshure left DLA Land and Maritime in 2010 and went to the Pentagon to work in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics Programs and Corporate Operations Division (OPNAV N41). During his two and a half years there, Cheshure worked on long-term projections of the Navy's repair parts budget for new and existing weapon systems.

Cheshure is back at DLA Land and Maritime briefly after a scheduled deployment to Iraq under a U.S. State Department mission was cancelled. At the end of January, he will report to Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Weapon System Support Philadelphia for his next assignment.

During his assignment

at the Pentagon, Cheshure worked on the spares portion of the Navy's annual Program Objective Memorandum, or POM. In addition to a broad range of requirements such as military personnel, operation and maintenance, and military construction, the POM outlines future needs for new weapon systems and modernization of existing weapon systems in five-year increments known as the Future Years Defense Program, or FYDP.

"The POM informs what will ultimately be the DoD budget for future procurement actions for the Navy based on the National Security Strategy, the National Military Strategy and other input," Cheshure said. "It is the mechanism that connects the need for parts for a new weapon system to a buyer years in the future."

Among the weapon systems he helped support previously at DLA Land and Maritime and subsequently worked future budgeting for at OPNAV were the Littoral Combat Ship, Virginia-class submarines, ballistic missile defense systems and modern-

ization efforts for the Navy's cruisers and destroyers.

In essence, Cheshure was working on long-term budget forecasting for Navy weapon systems that will drive DLA procurement actions for those weapon systems in the future.

Maritime Customer Operations deputy director Debbie Havens said she is glad to have Cheshure back with DLA.

"Having a high impact leader like Cmdr. Cheshure on board for a few months is a huge bonus to the Land and Maritime team," she said. "Upon arrival, he jumped in and was fully engaged in a wide range of issues. He provided program background information for the Littoral Combat Ship, was key in planning the recent AOP, and is finalizing the Maritime Customer Operations playbook."

Cheshure said the POM process "is quite a process but we don't get excited until we hear Congress has actually approved appropriations, because that's when the money can actually be spent."

Prior to funds being appropriated, there is deliberation



(PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS LEAH STILES)

The littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) departs Naval Station Mayport for its first operational deployment in February 2010. Navy Cmdr. Kevin Cheshure, who is temporarily assigned to DLA Land and Maritime, helped support the new class of ships during a tour with DLA Land and Maritime from 2007-10 and then worked on long-term budgetary forecasts for the LCS class in his subsequent assignment to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics Programs and Corporate Operations Division (OPNAV N41), in the Pentagon.

within the House and Senate, often involving proposed reductions or "marks" to the Navy's budget. The Navy can either accept the marks or, as is usually the case, prepare a "reclama" that articulates why a mark should not stand. Preparing reclama issue papers and talking points was a large part of the process in which Cheshure was engaged.

During his time in OPNAV N41, Cheshure spent most of

his time working under Navy Rear Adm. Kathleen M. Dussault, who was replaced by Rear Adm. Glenn C. Robillard the last couple of months he was there.

"It was an interesting experience to be part of the Navy's budgeting process and see how that process ultimately impacts DLA Land and Maritime procurement actions years down the road," he said.

## New York man sentenced to prison for defrauding Navy's Nuclear Reactor Program

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Jerome Rabinowitz, 69, of Great Neck, N.Y., was sentenced earlier this month in U.S. District Court to four years in prison for selling non-conforming parts to the Department of Defense under a contract to supply electronic components for the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Reactor Program, military aircraft, and weapons systems for submarines.

Carter M. Stewart, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Jeffrey Arsenault, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), Central Field Office, announced the sentence imposed Dec. 7 by U.S. District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

Kevin Goad, a DLA Land and Maritime product assurance specialist on the Land and Maritime Counterfeit Material/Unauthorized Product Substitution Team, and Navy Cmdr. Kevin Cheshure testified concerning the end use of the parts, test costs, and the impact of nonconforming parts on the supply chain and Land and Maritime customers.

Frost also fined Rabinowitz \$25,000,

barred him from directly or indirectly receiving contracts from the Defense Department, and ordered him to forfeit \$354,878, which represents some of the loss to the Department of Defense from the wire fraud and the mail fraud, and a 5.29 carat diamond ring Rabinowitz bought with some of the proceeds of the money laundering.

"When the safety of military personnel is at stake, we must assure that the items and equipment they receive meet rigid specifications," Stewart said. "I want to commend the efforts by the DCIS special agent who investigated the case, the Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime in Columbus, Ohio, and Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Michael Marous, who prosecuted the case."

A jury convicted Rabinowitz Aug. 17, and Rabinowitz had been in custody since the verdict.

Rabinowitz owned J&W Technologies, LLC, and did business under the name of Jerry Roth. The company had direct and indirect contracts awarded from 2006 through 2009 to provide semiconductors, microcircuits and transistors to the

Department of Defense. The parts are considered critical application items, meaning they are essential to weapon system performance or operation, or the preservation of life or safety of operating personnel.

The contracts called for specific parts made by specific manufacturers during a given time-frame. Rabinowitz sent the Defense Department parts including surplus parts and some items manufactured as long ago as 1967 and the 1970s. Rabinowitz provided forged documents to the Department of Defense to make it appear as though he bought the parts from the correct manufacturers. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service, located in Columbus, paid Rabinowitz based on the false representations he made to the government.

In the late 1980s, the CM/UPS Team from the organization now known as DLA Land and Maritime began using a multi-functional team approach to address contract fraud matters. The team is comprised of contracting and quality experts, test lab personnel, members of the legal office and a DCIS special agent.

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#### Miscellaneous for Sale

**SCANNER** - Radio Shack Pro-96 digital fire/police scanner, frequencies loaded, APC025, \$200 firm, e-mail KD8BRS@yahoo.com

**TABLE SAW** - Rockwell, 10-inch with stand, less than a year old, \$50, 614-668-0947 or 614-933-8559.

**PLAY SETS** - Fisher Price, Farm House, Circus, Roller Coaster, Castle, Noah's Ark, School House, and Manger, \$100 for all, sets are complete and in excellent condition, call Kourtney at 614-216-5173.

# Acquisition specialist in SAPD recognized as Associate of the Month

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An acquisition specialist in the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate has been recognized as the DLA Land and Maritime Associate of the Month for July.

Bret Griffin was recognized by DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during a Nov. 28 presentation in his work area.

Griffin serves as a lead contracting officer in his directorate and works on numerous long-term contracts on a variety of items. During the past fiscal year, he awarded LTCs with estimated values greater than \$25 million and issued solicitations for more than 2,300 National Stock Numbered items.

His supervisor, Kreston Harris, said Griffin is one of the top-producing acquisition specialists in the directorate and that his files “exhibit exceptional quality as they typically return from contract review with little or no comments.”

Harris also praised Griffin for his teamwork and willingness to share ideas and solutions to



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Bret Griffin, an acquisition specialist in the Strategic Acquisition Programs directorate, receives the Associate of the Month award memento for July from DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo during a Nov. 28 presentation in his work area.

difficult acquisition problems.

“This assists others to increase their productivity and the quality of their work products,” Harris said. “He is always professional and provides quality and valued input to the team in completing their required tasks.”

Griffin, who has worked for DLA for 11 years after completing the DLA Corporate Intern program, was also recognized for his aggressive work to save taxpayer money on contracts.

On one particular

contract, Griffin established more aggressive negotiation objectives to ensure DLA received the best deal possible. He discovered areas of inconsistencies that caused the contractor to reanalyze and lower its pricing.

“His aggressive negotiations resulted in an estimated savings to DLA of more than \$1.5 million for the five-year term of the contract,” Harris stated.

Griffin has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from The Ohio State University.

## Level II mentors, mentees recognized at ceremony



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A total of 47 mentees and their mentors were recognized Dec. 3 at the 2012 Level II Mentoring Program Recognition Ceremony in the Building 20 auditorium. DLA Land and Maritime Commander Navy Rear Adm. (Sel.) David Pimpo and Deputy Commander James McLaugherty both lauded the graduates for their effort and helped with handing out certificates. The Level II Mentoring Program is a nine-month program during which mentees work to complete goals and activities identified in their Mentoring Action Plans (MAPs). In addition to completing their MAPs, some mentees participate on various monthly event teams, the newsletter team or the recognition ceremony team. Participation on these various teams allows the mentees to coordinate events in which they may not have previously had the opportunity. The mentees who completed the program were Anthony Bozeman, Bob Brewer, Raushanah Charles, Lawrence Cilluffo, Ryan Collier, Hugh Compton, Heather Dawson, Jeffrey Dine, Carlton Edwards, Michelle Engle, Brenda Evans, Anthony Galluch, Mindy Galluch, Christopher Hancock, Teresa Harris, Carolyn Harvey, Tasha Hill, Micah Holmes, Alexander Livingston, Rosella Lynn, Karen Mahone, Nicholas Maitland, Marizela Marin-Giraud, Vanesha Marshall, Ingrid Mattes, Sheryll Matthews, Richard Matz, Brandon McCoy, Delmar McGee, Ana Paez-Vallejo, Jigar Patel, Mislin Perez-Fernandez, Antoinette Petsche, Julio Rodriguez, Dennis Rogers, David Russell, Roberto Santana, Gabriel Santiago, Jonathan Scohy, Chad Shevlin, Cody Smith, Joseph Strausbaugh, Yirha Torres-Cruz, Chari White, Ashley Williams, William Willis, Terry Wilson and Sherri Woods.



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Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Bartman (left), assistant adjutant general for air, transfers command of the Ohio Air National Guard’s 121st Air Refueling Wing to Col. James Jones (center), during an Oct. 27 ceremony at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Jones assumed command from Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Stephens (right). As commander, Jones is responsible to the Ohio assistant adjutant general for air to ensure the wing’s 1,400 airmen are ready to deploy in support of the national defense and homeland security missions. As a traditional guardsman, he was a pilot for 13 years for Airborne Express. Throughout his career, Jones has served in various operational positions in the 121st Air Refueling Wing, including instructor pilot, flight commander, evaluator pilot and operations officer. Prior to his current assignment, he commanded the 121st ARW Operations Group.

## Jones assumes command of 121st Air Refueling Wing