

# Around DCMA



Calandro and Astronaut Lee Morin

## Calandro Receives Silver Snoopy Award

MAY 17 – Astronaut Lee Morin, right, acting on behalf of all astronauts, presented Ken Calandro, left, DCMA Marshall/Stennis Support Team, with a Silver Snoopy Award that was flown aboard the space shuttle’s STS-101 mission. Calandro provided outstanding support working on the NASA external tank team in support of the Columbia accident investigation board. His dedication and expert knowledge in external tank processes and procedures led to a critical discovery during his review of procurement documents used to produce the aluminum casting of the nose cone spike assembly. The vendor did not perform a critical non-destructive testing inspection, and Calandro’s discovery required the contractor to evaluate all documentation concerning the lot of 20 castings and to determine their installation status. The castings that were not X-rayed subsequently have been X-rayed. His findings ensured the safety of the astronauts and that all the contractual requirements for the shuttle program were met. (By Sharon Worgan, program analyst, DCMA Marshall/Stennis Support Center)

## DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta Keystone Graduation

JUNE 12 – Nine DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta Keystone Program employees participated in the first graduation ceremony ever held at Lockheed Martin, Marietta, Ga. Air Force Col. Nicole H. Plourde and Henrietta Snow wanted to recognize the achievements of Keystone graduates for all of their hard work over the past three years. Ralph Jennings, one of the graduates, addressed his fellow graduates, challenging them to continue their education and broaden their leadership development. The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Navy Capt. Joseph F. Manna, DCMA Atlanta commander. Manna spoke about commitment to public service and reminded the graduates that their career paths were ones they could be proud of because of the impact of their work at DCMA on the nation’s security. The ceremony concluded with the graduates receiving their certificates and awards. The DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta Keystone graduates, from left: Willis Peters, Winston Lacroix, Robert Bledsoe, Kevin Faris, Alicia R. Smith, Ralph Jennings, David Wolfinger and William Priester. (By Tracey Johnson, DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta; photo by Sean Higgins, DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta)



Keystone Program Graduates



Special Staff Wins "Director's Cup"

### DCMA Family Day

JUNE 21 – When the days of summer came upon us, DCMA Headquarters held its annual Family Day picnic. The picnic was held at Castle Park on Fort Belvoir, Va., next to the scenic Potomac River. DCMA employees and their families commented that they enjoyed a day of music, games and dancing while promoting connections between DCMA employees and their families. The event took a serious turn with some competitive sports activities. The participating teams represented DCMA's contract operations and customer relations directorate, international division, special staff and human resources. The special staff, led by Air Force Col. Jeffrey Brand, left, won the Director's Cup for winning the most events during the day's activities. Keith Ernst, right, DCMA acting director, presented the cup. (*Rumor has it that Brand is building an alarmed glass vault in which to display the prestigious award.* – Ed.) (By Julia Wyant, DCMA Public Affairs)

### Partnering with Congregations for an Energy Conservation Guide

JUNE – Darlene Seminko, a DCMA Atlanta administrative contracting officer, graduated from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Executive Leadership Program. Seminko, along with her team — known as "Lucky 13" — developed an easy-to-read, user-friendly, 17-page guide for publication to teach members of New Orleans, La., area congregations about the government's ENERGY STAR® Program. ENERGY STAR® is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy that helps citizens save money and protect the environment by promoting the use of energy-efficient products and practices. Lucky 13's guide is titled *Putting Energy into Stewardship*. Since most faith-based organizations in the hurricane-affected area are in need of rebuilding, there is an opportunity for them to obtain the benefits of becoming ENERGY STAR® partners. These benefits include: tax credits, lower energy costs, higher energy efficiency, minimized environmental impact and lower interest rates on loans for rebuilding. (By Darlene Seminko, DCMA Atlanta)



Team "Lucky 13" at work



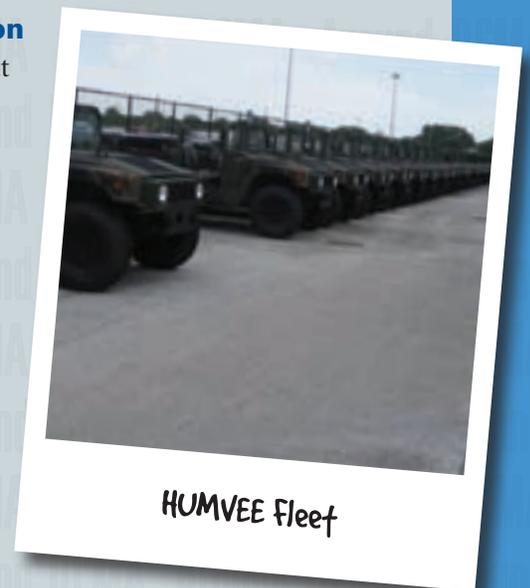
VH-71 Helicopter

## VH-71 Presidential Helicopter Test Aircraft Completes First Flight

JULY 3 – The VH-71 helicopter completed its first flight at AgustaWestland’s facility in Yeovil, U.K., marking a significant milestone in the development of the United States’ presidential aircraft. The future “Marine One” will be the world’s most technologically advanced helicopter, designed to safely and reliably transport the president, vice president, heads of state and other official parties both at home and abroad with mobile “oval office in the sky” capabilities. The designated test vehicle #2, built under contract to the U.S. Navy, was assembled and prepared at an AgustaWestland facility. It is the first test aircraft built specifically for the VH-71 presidential helicopters program. During the 40-minute flight, the AgustaWestland chief test pilot, Don Maclaine, and senior test pilot, Dick Trueman, performed general aircraft handling checks, tested flight characteristics at varying speeds up to 156 mph and evaluated the on-board avionics systems. Initial operational capability of the helicopter is scheduled for late 2009. “Seeing our first VH-71 test vehicle flying is an important stepping stone and an exciting event for the entire program, the culmination of a tremendous amount of work by the government and industry team,” said Doug Isleib, U.S. Navy program manager. The VH-71 industry team will build a fleet of presidential helicopters in two increments. Aircraft final assembly will be by Bell Helicopter, Texas, with missionization by Lockheed Martin Systems Integration – Owego, N.Y., the prime contractor and systems integrator for the program. (Article courtesy of Lockheed Martin Corporation; photo courtesy of AgustaWestland)

## DCMA St. Petersburg Manages Fleet of HUMVEEs at Raytheon

SEPTEMBER – Some people can boast one HUMMER in their driveway — but how about more than 70 of them? The DCMA St. Petersburg staff at Raytheon in Largo, Fla., manages the modification, repair, maintenance, scheduling and shipment of more than 70 specially equipped high-mobility, multi-purpose wheeled vehicles better known as HUMVEEs. These particular HUMVEEs are equipped with trailers and one of two systems: the secure, mobile, anti-jam, reliable tactical terminal managed at Fort Monmouth, N.J., or the air traffic navigation, integration and coordination system/fixed-base, precision-approach radar (ATNAVICS/FBPAR) directed by air traffic control program managers in Huntsville, Ala. Both systems are force multipliers in southwest Asia directly supporting the warfighter. ATNAVICS is the world’s only fully autonomous, precision-approach control system transportable in a single C-130 aircraft. Working with a staff of three Florida Army National Guard mechanics, DCMA St. Petersburg employees Brenda Greene, DCMA logistics management specialist, and Robert Skrzyszowski, program integrator, manage these government-owned vehicles at Raytheon. They ensure that each vehicle receives the maintenance it requires so they may be redeployed on schedule. Technical inspections are performed on trailers every three months, and other tests are performed to ensure the performance of the complex electronic systems. DCMA St. Petersburg’s goal is to ensure optimal condition of all vehicles, generators and trailers. (By Melanie Kordana, Student Career Experience Program contracting trainee, DCMA St. Petersburg)



HUMVEE Fleet