

DCMA Chicago Officers Train Like the St. Louis Rams



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Mr. Todd Niemeyer, assistant director of operations at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo., (home of the St. Louis Rams football team) recently provided outstanding support to the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) and, by extension, the warriors. On Jan. 18, 2005, officers from DCMA Chicago gathered offsite at a conference in St. Louis. As planned, they assembled for their monthly physical training, but inclement weather prevented them from performing their usual outdoor run. Being able to conduct the physical training sessions is extremely important because

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many of the military staff are frequently deployed to the Middle East on short order and are therefore required to maintain a very high level of personal physical fitness. Fortunately, due to Mr. Niemeyer's kindness and willingness to act on very short notice, Air Force Lt. Col. Wade McVey, DCMA St. Louis commander, was able to arrange for physical training at the Edward Jones Dome.

Thanks to Mr. Niemeyer, the training event was very successful. Prior to the commencement of physical training, Lt. Col. McVey presented



Left to right, standing: Navy Lt. Erik Rangel; Air Force Maj. Mike Freestone; Army Lt. Col. Wade McVey; Army Lt. Col. Sean O'Day. *Left to right, kneeling:* Ms. Susan Hooks; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ed Graves; Air Force Col. Jeffrey Smith; Army Lt. Col. Chris Seacord. (Photo by event participant Army Maj. Miro Skrodzki.)

Mr. Niemeyer with a command coin in acknowledgment of his assistance. After the training session Mr. Niemeyer allowed the members of DCMA Chicago to have group photos taken with the Rams' team logo.

According to Air Force Col. Jeffrey Smith, DCMA Chicago commander, "Mr. Niemeyer demonstrated his support, and expressed the support of all those associated with the Edward Jones Dome, for his country, the men and women in uniform and all those who work diligently in the defense of our freedoms." Col. Smith then stated that Mr. Niemeyer's "actions reflected the highest level of commitment and patriotism we can expect from any of our citizens, and he directly contributed to the high morale of our military officers. The warriors and members of the DCMA community are deeply appreciative."