

Recognizing Our Commitment in the Workforce



Many of you have heard me talk about “facing the brutal facts” confronting our agency. In Director’s Messages and in the *Communicator*, I have frequently written about the need to rebuild competencies and align our organization to face challenges of the 21st century. In the most recent issues, I’ve addressed the reality of our current fiscal environment and how we must continue down our strategic path to better support the department, our warfighters and the American taxpayers. While we must be objective about our challenges, we should also celebrate our successes. Today, I’m proud to write about some of our successes this past year — especially when it comes to recognizing our people and their commitment to upholding our core value of excellence.

I have stressed that our people are our most precious resource. The exceptional work performed by the dedicated men and women of our agency is what makes us successful day in and day out. While our agency recognizes outstanding performance at our annual awards ceremony, it is especially rewarding to see Defense Contract Management Agency personnel and accomplishments recognized by outside peers, organizations and customers. We received a number of these honors at the end of 2010 that I want to recognize:

- Two DCMA employees received the 2010 Department of Defense Workforce Achievement Award. U.S. Army Col. Frank Steinbugl received his award for contract auditing excellence while serving as commander of DCMA Iraq. Patrick Losse garnered the contracting and procurement award for his quality assurance work in supporting the delivery of 1,000 armored Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles per month to our warfighters. Losse is a quality coordinator at DCMA Oshkosh. In this issue of *Communicator*, you will find a more detailed article highlighting their achievements.
- Two DCMA military personnel were nominated by the president for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. Col. Casey Blake is the current commander of DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta and an outstanding Air Force officer. Col. David O’Brien is currently serving as the agency’s mobilization assistant and is an exceptional member of the Air Force Reserve. Both join a distinguished list of former DCMA military officers who have made it to the rank of general officer.
- I recently received the distinguished Public Sector Partner of the Year Award at the 8th Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards ceremony. While I was honored to receive the award, it was a reflection of the hard work performed every day by the men and women of DCMA.

These examples are indicative of the high-quality work performed by the men and women of DCMA. I believe each of you take pride in the work you do every day that moves us closer to achieving our strategic objectives. By adhering to our mission, vision and core values and living the DCMA culture, we can all play our parts in delivering exceptional contract administration services to warfighters.

Warmly,

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