

Conklin Inducted into SES

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DCMA Financial and Business Operations executive director, into the Senior Executive Service Dec. 1, 2010, at the Fort Lee, Va., Officer's Club.

Conklin is responsible for managing the agency's business infrastructure and all matters pertaining to its financial operations.

"(Conklin) is an outstanding professional, and with her prior experiences she will bring great things to this agency," said Williams during the induction.

Conklin holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a graduate of

the Army Management Staff College. She has been a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers since 1996.

Her government career began in 1982 as a revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service. In 1990, she held various budget-related assignments with the U.S. Army in Europe and 7th Army in Heidelberg, Germany, before joining the Defense Commissary Agency in 1995 as a budget officer for DeCA East. In 2001, she was selected to be chief of that region's resource management business area. Conklin was selected as DeCA's chief financial executive in 2005.

She began with DCMA Aug. 30, 2010, and was the first SES to report for duty at DCMA's future headquarters location in Fort Lee. 



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Avid Golfer Shares Hobby with Troops in Iraq

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Two years ago, Benjamin Alexander, Defense Contract Management Agency Detroit, sent

a box of golf balls to a coworker in Iraq who thanked him and sent a few pictures of him and a friend hitting golf balls in their spare time. Alexander decided recently to see if he could collect donated golf gear to send to troops in Iraq.

"I hope I can instill a vision or a presence of being home and free, which is what millions of people worldwide can do almost every day by the simplest pleasure of hitting a little white ball — something that our troops cannot achieve during wartime conditions in foreign countries," Alexander said. "Although I hope their thoughts are with family first, golf is a satisfying runner-up."

Friends, family members and coworkers donated drivers, clubs, golf balls, tees and shipping boxes. Alexander said he also received clubs from an Army veteran via Craigslist.

The donated items were collected in a variety of ways. He picked up boxes from a close friend locally. Golf balls and two drivers were dropped off at his house. Two coworkers brought golf clubs to the DCMA Detroit office where all the gear was boxed for shipment.

After receiving the golf equipment, Alexander and several DCMA volunteers helped organize and box the gear to send to troops in Iraq. He gave special thanks to his DCMA Detroit helpers, Shereen Stevenson, Carl Jackson and Lisa Welch. "I couldn't have accomplished this without their assistance," he said.

An avid golfer, Alexander wanted to share his hobby with the troops so they could get some added stress relief. He is hoping for positive feedback so he can continue showing his support in this way to fulfill his dream of helping the troops.

"A hearty thanks to all the generous folks who have donated supplies to our



Defense Contract Management Agency Detroit personnel, from left, Benjamin Alexander, Tina Winkelblech, Shereen Stevenson, Army Col. Louis Steinbugl, Jeff Stroker and Ken Millen pose for a photo while assisting with efforts to send donated golf gear to troops in Iraq for the holidays. (Photo by Lisa Welch, DCMA)

warfighters in the past, present and future. God bless America, and God bless our troops who have kept this country free," Alexander said. 