

DCMA's Connection to the Warfighter

Of the many missions the International Division supports, contingency contracting administrative services (CCAS) is arguably our most direct support of, and connection to, the warfighter. The CCAS mission is the Agency's opportunity to directly support the warfighter in a contingency environment. We ensure essential services are provided to improve warfighters' lives in deployed locations. Due to the Defense Contract Management Agency's (DCMA's) success, combatant commanders have requested ever higher levels of support. Over the past 12 years, we have seen our CCAS support grow from smaller, concentrated efforts in the Balkans and Haiti to the current large-scale operations. The International Division's CCAS footprint reaches around the globe to support operations in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Philippines and Qatar. This vital and expanding CCAS mission is possible only through the unfailing support we receive from the dedicated professionals within DCMA who volunteer to fill the 90 CCAS billets. Without you, we could not continue our stellar support to the warfighter. Every deployed DCMA member on loan to the International Division for the CCAS mission provides the outstanding support that makes the Agency an indispensable partner for the combatant commanders.

Much of our current CCAS support to the warfighters and the combatant commanders focuses on the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program and Air Force Contract Augmentation Program contracts in the Middle East area of operations. Both contracts are supported by DCMA Iraq and DCMA Middle East. DCMA Iraq Commander Army Col. Jacques Azemar and DCMA Middle East Commander Air Force Col. Kurt Stonerock oversee day-to-day contract operations across the theater. DCMA Iraq personnel support the Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I); DCMA Middle East supports the Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan, NATO's International Security Assistance Force and the Horn of Africa area of operations. These contract management offices (CMOs) also provide oversight of weapon system lifecycle contracts in theater.

DCMA Iraq and DCMA Middle East warfighter support extends to the Stryker reset, Stryker battle damage



repair, tanker ballistic foam coating and Humvee reset contracts performed in Iraq, Qatar and Kuwait. Their vital oversight allows repair and overhaul to occur in theater, resulting in significant cost savings to the taxpayer and greatly reducing the turnaround time for returning equipment to the fight.

One example of our success is the support to the Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan (JCC-I/A) in Iraq. Although this operation fell out of the scope of our normal CCAS mission, it provided many DCMA employees an opportunity to directly participate in the rebuilding of Iraq by providing CCAS support to JCC-I/A. Our initial efforts were limited to contract closeout but expanded significantly — our DCMA JCC-I/A personnel truly touched almost every reconstruction effort within Iraq.

Although the media focus for the war on terrorism is in the Middle East, DCMA supports an equally important CCAS mission in the Republic of the Philippines. DCMA Pacific oversees the Army Communications and Electronics Command's rapid response (CR2) contract that supports the Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines counterterrorism mission. The deployed administrative contracting officer performs normal oversight of the CR2 contract and provides acquisition advice to our deployed forces operating in the Pacific.

In addition to the International Division, CMOs throughout the Agency ensure vital equipment, materiel and service support is provided to the warfighter. This issue highlights the contributions of two CMOs: DCMA Wichita's oversight of Leading Technology Composites — manufacturers of the protective inserts for the body armor worn by our warfighters; and DCMA Syracuse's key role in the development and fielding of the improvised explosive device countermeasure program. Also included is an interview with Air Force Maj. Gen. Scott, commander, JCC-I/A.

Bravo Zulu! to all of our DCMA professionals who ensure America's warfighters have the tools for success.

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