

Around DCMA



Team DCMA St. Petersburg

DCMA St. Petersburg Participates in Annual “Day of Caring”

JAN. 19 – Eleven DCMA St. Petersburg, Fla., employees participated in their office’s annual “day of caring” by working with Habitat for Humanity. For many years, DCMA St. Petersburg employees have taken one day of annual leave to give back to their community. In addition to working that single day, they also spent part of their weekend working until the project was completed. The team’s project was building rooms onto an existing house. They began by preparing the roof for inspection before nailing shingles. Next they removed and reinstalled vinyl siding on the front and one side of the house. Finally, they framed two walls in preparation for a new shed to be located in the back of the house. Before leaving, the team cleaned the area of debris to eliminate any hazards. “Day of caring” participants included Darren Blackwell, Nan Coleman, Mike Crosby, Bill Eddleman, Michelle Myhree, Bob Roman, Joe Saladino, Mary Sheridan, Bill Willey and Tom Wright. The DCMA St.

Petersburg team completed two sweat-laden days of work, but they said they truly enjoyed giving back to their community. (By Melanie Kordana, DCMA St. Petersburg)

DCMA St. Petersburg’s Memorial Golf Tournament

MARCH 2 – DCMA St. Petersburg, Fla., employees participated in the “DCMA Memorial Golf Tournament” at the University of South Florida in Tampa, supporting the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. The IFHF supports the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and funds raised by DCMA St. Petersburg will aid military personnel who have been seriously disabled and injured in military combat operations. This tournament, originally known as the “Commanders’ Cup,” was founded by former DCMA employee Terry Hodges. Hodges began the tournament by providing the traveling trophy that is currently used and maintaining all historic tournament information. His untimely death and the death of Ken Barnett, a longtime participant and supporter of the DCMA golf outings, led to the official tournament being renamed the “DCMA Memorial Golf Tournament,” and the trophy presented to the tournament winner is the “Hodges Cup.” Each year, the tournaments are held in different locations throughout Florida. The most recent DCMA Memorial Golf Tournament was played in Melbourne, Fla., and raised \$200 for the purchase of phone cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas. DCMA St. Petersburg’s tournament



Annual Golf outing

raised \$230, all of which is aiding wounded servicemembers, veterans and their families. IFHF Executive Vice President David A. Winters sent a letter to the DCMA participants thanking them for their generosity, kindness and remembrance of the servicemembers and their families. Event participants enjoy supporting U.S. servicemembers and having the opportunity to relax with other employees, past and present, enjoying a nice day of golf together. (By Melanie Kordana, DCMA St. Petersburg)



Domestic Action Committee

Supplies for Iraqi Schoolchildren

APRIL – Robert Heavrin, a Defense Contract Management Agency Indianapolis quality assurance representative currently on an Army Reserve deployment to Iraq, became concerned that the local Iraqi children had few school supplies. Heavrin mentioned the situation to his coworkers and engaged the DCMA Indianapolis Domestic Action Committee, left, in getting supplies donated to the children. The Domestic Action Committee helps needy individuals in the Indianapolis area and collaborates with DCMA Indianapolis in supplying donations of clothing and food to local families during the holiday season. Once Heavrin’s coworkers discussed how they could help, the Domestic Action Committee created a plan to bring Heavrin’s desire to help the Iraqi children to life. Various school supplies were donated by DCMA Indianapolis

employees together with employees from DCMA Aircraft Propulsion Operations Rolls Royce and DCMA Dayton Raytheon Technical Services. DCMA Indianapolis employees stuffed each blue and red backpack with school supplies, a warm hat, and a pair of gloves and prepared them for shipment. Soccer balls were also donated to Heavrin when he stopped by the DCMA Indianapolis office during his mid-tour leave, and he delivered them in person to the local children upon his return to Iraq. (By Rebecca Sanders, DCMA Indianapolis. Photo by Shunda Willis, DCMA Indianapolis)

DCMA Exhibits at the NCMA World Congress

APRIL 22-25 – DCMA exhibited at the National Contract Management Association World Congress in Dallas, Texas. This leading event in the contract management community attracted over 2,000 contracting professionals. Many visited the DCMA booth, including retired Navy Rear Adm. Lenn Vincent, left. Vincent is a former Defense Contract Management Command commander and is now NCMA’s national president. Sam Davis, right, one of DCMA’s representatives at the exhibit, was asked about the agency’s mission, job announcements, small business administration, audits request, cost accounting standards, contracting trends, disclosure statements, support in Iraq, deployments, office locations, small business contract management software and contract closeout. Keith Ernst, DCMA acting director, participated as a panelist during the general session panel “Winning Results.” (By Julia Wyant, DCMA Public Affairs. Photo by Julia Wyant)



The DCMA Booth



Col. Carson Addresses Attendees

Ground, Space Divisions Hold Joint Conference

APRIL 24-26 – Commanders, directors and their deputies from DCMA’s Ground Systems and Munitions and Space and Missile Systems Divisions met in Phoenix for a joint conference to promote communication and cooperation among the two divisions. Attendees were briefed on issues ranging from budget oversight to ethics within the workplace by commanders from throughout DCMA, including Army Col. Peggy Carson, left, DCMA Phoenix commander. Several members of the agency’s senior leadership team — including Keith Ernst, acting director; Angela Bailey, Human Resources executive director; Air Force Col. Jeffrey Brand, chief of staff; Rebecca Davies, Contract Operations and Customer Relations executive director; and Nicholas Retson, general counsel — attended the conference and made presentations regarding their areas of expertise. The final event had conference attendees visiting local contractors’ facilities. Space and Missile Systems Division attendees toured Orbital Corporation, where they were briefed on the company’s

operations. Ground Systems and Munitions Division personnel visited the General Dynamics facility. Based on the evaluations returned by conference attendees, the conference was a success. In their closing remarks, the two division directors, Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, Space and Missile Systems, and Mitchell Howell, Ground Systems and Munitions, praised the team that planned the conference. Team members received director’s coins for their efforts. (By Sam Rouso, DCMA Congressional and Public Affairs)

DCMA Iraq “Beat the Boss”

APRIL 27 – In their annual 1.5-mile “Beat the Boss” run at Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq, 13 runners, walkers and volunteers from DCMA Iraq did their best to set the bar high for DCMA Acting Director Keith Ernst’s run, May 16. The average run time was 10 minutes, 31 seconds, and Air Force Lt. Col. Chris Athearn took individual honors with a time of 8 minutes, 45 seconds. The average walk time was 23 minutes, 20 seconds, and Renaldo Phillips led the way with a time of 22 minutes. Participants are shown at right — back row, from left: Air Force Capt. William Bones, Army Maj. John Pires, Army Lt. Col. Ken Copeland, Army Maj. Phil Rottenborn, Army Lt. Col. George Holland and Army Capt. Luke Barfield; middle row, from left: Army Col. Jacques Azemar, Karen Parris, Patricia Tillman and Air Force Capt. Marlon Elbelau; front row, from left: Renaldo Phillips, Air Force Lt. Col. Chris Athearn, Army Sgt. 1st Class Bob Fratzke. (By Army Maj. Phil Rottenborn, DCMA Iraq. Photo by James Griffin)



Running at Camp Victory



Capt. Graff Assumes Command

DCMA International Gets New Leader, Retires Outgoing Commander

MAY 31 – Navy Capt. Walter H. Melton relinquished command of DCMA International to Navy Capt. David J. Graff, right, during a change of command ceremony at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Graff came to DCMA International after serving as the assistant commander for contracts, Naval Air Systems Command, at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. In traditional fashion, Graff became the commander of DCMA International after accepting DCMA International’s flag from Keith Ernst, left, DCMA acting director. Graff then addressed the audience and spoke of his vision for DCMA International under his command. “This is just a change of command and not a change of doctrine,” he said. He then complimented Melton’s vision and leadership and said he would continue to carry the flag in a similar direction. Graff is a graduate of Yale University,

New Haven, Conn., and he earned his master’s degree at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. Later in his military career, Graff went on to graduate from Stanford University’s, Graduate School of Business Administration senior executive education program. Graff’s operational tours include supply officer, Fighter Squadron Fourteen (VF-14); supply officer, USS *Ogden* (LPD-5); assistant supply officer, USS *Enterprise* (CVN-65); and supply officer, USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN-70). After the change of command ceremony, outgoing DCMA International commander Melton officially retired from the Navy after 27 years of service. For his service with DCMA, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and presented with a certificate of appreciation from the president for the service provided to the nation throughout his military career. Melton had been the commander of DCMA International since 2005. (By Valerie Burkes, DCMA Public Affairs. Photo by Mark Woodbury, DCMA Public Affairs)

Kirk-McAlpine Promotes the Sister Study

JUNE – In 2001, a close friend of Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, DCMA Space and Missile Systems Division director, died from breast cancer. To honor her friend, Kirk-McAlpine is promoting awareness of the Sister Study, which is searching for environmental and genetic causes of breast cancer. Kirk-McAlpine volunteers to recruit participants for the Sister Study, which is being conducted by the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The study is of women whose sisters had breast cancer. Researchers are still seeking 50,000 diverse participants by the end of 2007. Participants must have a sister (related by blood) who has had breast cancer; be between the ages of 35 and 74; live in the U.S. or Puerto Rico; and never have had breast cancer. For more information call (877) 4SISTER or visit the Web site <http://www.sisterstudy.org>.



Patricia Kirk-McAlpine