

OUTSTANDING DCMA ACHIEVEMENTS

DCMA Cleveland Fights Hunger *April 2008*

DCMA Cleveland employees participated in the annual Harvest for Hunger food drive during March and April 2008. Harvest for Hunger is one of the largest food and fund drives in the nation, raising critical resources for local hunger-relief organizations in 19 Northeast Ohio counties. Harvest for Hunger food and funds are used by local food bank member agencies that directly serve individuals in need.

— Loretta Hamilton, DCMA Cleveland

“There has never been any doubt that DCMA Cleveland has big-hearted people willing to help others. The fact that its employees donated a half ton of food is just one great example.”

— Loretta Hamilton



Food loaded and ready to take to the Cleveland Foodbank. (Photo by Loretta Hamilton, DCMA Cleveland)

Green Retires After Half Century of Service *April 2008*



Irving Green, left, with his team leader, Guy Stephens

Program Analyst and Support Program Integrator Irving I. Green, DCMA Cleveland, retired April 3, 2008, after 53 years of federal service.

Green began his civilian career in 1959 after serving in the United States Army from July 1942 to February 1946.

Green has served in a variety of contract administration positions, including administrative contracting officer, supervisory contract specialist and program analyst. In his current position, he has collected, analyzed and provided production and quality information relating to the highly visible V-22, F-119 and F-110 aircraft engine programs. The program integrators he has supported have been uniform in their deep appreciation for the reliable, insightful and timely program information he has provided them.

During the course of his extensive career, Green has been a highly dedicated and hard-working employee of tremendous intellect. He has worked diligently to fulfill the needs and expectations of DCMA's customers. Green has been a valued teammate who shared his wealth of knowledge and experience for the betterment of the organization. Due to his enthusiasm for his work and his long friendships with his colleagues, Green's decision to retire was not an easy one. His legacy of commitment to supporting the warfighters will not soon be forgotten.

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Pursuing a Career in Crime Scene Investigations

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Gloria Smith after her graduation from Prince George's Community College.

Gloria Smith, a personnel specialist in DCMA's military personnel office, is a woman on a mission to pursue a career in crime scene investigations. Smith joined DCMA in January 2002 and began her education in 2003 at Prince George's Community College while working both full- and part-time jobs.

"Although I was only taking two classes a semester, it seemed like enough at the time, and I was comfortable," said Smith. "But it wasn't until summer of 2006 that I realized going to school part-time had not earned me very many credits over the years, so I decided at that point to become a full-time student in order to finish."

Smith applied and was accepted to University of Maryland University College during summer 2007. Overlapping her education at two schools, Smith was determined to earn her bachelor's degree, as well. She graduated from Prince George's Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in forensic science on May 22, and only has 18 more credits to complete her bachelor's degree in investigative forensics.

Once Smith receives her degree in spring 2009, she hopes to work as a crime scene investigator within the federal government.

Employee Reflects on More Than a Half Century of Service

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Al Parrino, center, seated, poses for a picture with his coworkers from DCMA Boston, Aeronautical Systems Division.

Not many folks can say they have served in the government during the tenure of the past 10 presidents, but Al Parrino, DCMA Boston

industrial specialist, can make that claim!

Parrino retired recently with 57 years of service.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1948 and served under Navy Adm. Forrest Sherman on the light cruiser USS *Fargo* during Harry S. Truman's presidency. According to Parrino, "The Berlin Airlift was underway, and George Orwell had finished writing his futuristic novel 1984."

Parrino began his DCMA career when he joined the Defense Contract Administrative Services Office — now DCMA Boston — in 1966 as a quality assurance representative at Raytheon, North Dighton, Mass. Upon completion of his four-year college degree, he transitioned to an industrial specialist position — a position he held until his retirement.

Parrino's co-worker Ann Fleming, a DCMA Boston administrative contract officer, said, "The fact that he is retiring after 57 years is clearly an indication of how much he enjoyed his job and the people he has worked with. The guy is an institution."

In looking back over 57 years of government service, Parrino said it has been quite an adventure, and he has truly appreciated the support everyone has given him.

Two DCMA Employees Earn Master's Degrees at George Mason University

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Richard Kelley, Operations Management and Customer Relations, center, and his family celebrate his graduation at George Mason University. (Photo courtesy of Richard Kelley)

Two of DCMA's recent graduates weren't aware until graduation day that they were both pursuing master's degree programs at the same school — George Mason University. Carl Workman, director of contracting and customer relations, DCMA Special Programs Division, participated in the Defense Leadership and Management Program and received his executive MBA, and Richard Kelley, a management analyst in the Operations Management and Customer Relations planning division, was in DCMA's sabbatical program and earned a master of technology management degree.



From left: Robert Andersen, Department of State; Ravi Pulipaka, Vaap Technologies; Elizabeth Anthony, Central Intelligence Agency; and Carl Workman, DCMA. (Photo courtesy of Carl Workman)