

# OUTSTANDING DCMA ACHIEVEMENTS

## DCMA's Steven Davis Recognized by NASA Feb. 25, 2009



Steven Davis receives his NASA Quality and Safety Achievement Recognition (QASAR) award. From left: Robert Cabana, Kennedy Space Center director; Debby Davis; Steven Davis; and Air Force Col. Ray Harris, DCMA NASA Product Operations commander.

Steven Davis, DCMA Kennedy Space Center quality assurance representative, recently received NASA's Quality and Safety Achievement Recognition, or the QASAR award. The QASAR award recognizes individual government and contractor employees at NASA headquarters and centers who have demonstrated exemplary performance contributing to the quality and/or safety of products, services, processes or management programs and activities.

Davis, one of four recipients at the Sixth Annual NASA Project Management Challenge in Daytona Beach, Fla., garnered recognition for his attention to detail and leadership in an incident involving an unissued-waived inspection. After realizing that contractor personnel did not perform the inspection, Davis discovered a mistakenly waived mandatory proof pressure test on a solid rocket booster gas generator. NASA requires closed-loop accountability for performance of mandatory inspections, and he found the error when reconciling completion records.

Davis, who is responsible for issuing subtier delegations for solid rocket booster hardware in support of Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., worked closely with NASA and contractor safety and mission assurance specialists to document the missed inspection for a space shuttle program review, ensuring the gas generator received its examination. The risk was mitigated by NASA documenting the missed inspection in the non-conformance Material Review Board system and processed with appropriate rationale for flight. Davis then informed the solid rocket booster supply chain community to ensure the prohibited practice of waiving mandatory inspections is understood.

"This is a great honor, and I feel extremely privileged to be given this award," Davis said. "Winning this award is not about me — it took a lot of people everywhere to make this happen."

— By Michael Smutek, DCMA Kennedy Space Center

## DCMA's Julie Harmon Receives DoD Award March 24, 2009



Julie Harmon is a 2009 DoD Women's History Month Foreign Language and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Role Model Award winner. From left: Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans; Army Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, director of the Army's comprehensive soldier fitness program; Raji Bezwada, deputy executive director, corporate support, and Julie Harmon.

Julie Harmon, computer engineer for the Delta IV Program Support Team at DCMA Launch Vehicle Operations Denver, recently received special recognition from the Department of Defense. Harmon was one of 10 military and civilian females honored as 2009 DoD Women's History Month Foreign Language and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Role Model Award winners. She received the award at a ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery's Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va.

"I was both surprised and honored by the award," Harmon said. "The ceremony was amazing, and the whole event was special for me."

In addition to leading the Delta IV PST's software efforts, Harmon also supports DCMA LVO Denver as its Keystone Program coordinator, while actively supporting numerous other CMO activities, such as the local annual holiday gift program. In 2008, Harmon was named DCMA Newcomer of the Year.

"[For generations] women across our great land have helped make our country stronger and better," remarked Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans and guest speaker at the event. "They have improved our communities and played a vital role in achieving justice and equal rights for all our citizens. The [Defense Department] joins our nation to recognize the many contributions women make to our society and ensure that the history of American women is recognized."

— By Danny Petee, DCMA Launch Vehicle Operations Denver

### DCMA's Army Maj. Jason Jefferis Honored with AMC Award

Army Maj. Jason Jefferis, DCMA Phoenix, received the 2008 Army Materiel Command's Frank S. Besson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Contracting at AMC headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va. The award — a tribute to AMC's first commander, the late-Army Gen. Frank S. Besson — is presented annually to recognize exceptional performance in contract execution and superior customer support. Jefferis, DCMA Soldier Systems and Civilian Augmentation Program director in Albuquerque, N.M., received the Besson Award in the "Military Officer" category.

In his previous assignment, where he performed actions that warranted the AMC honor, Jefferis served as deputy to the executive for contracting at the U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command's Rock Island, Ill., Acquisition Center. At TACOM, Jefferis provided staff support to the contracting office chief while also managing operations for the 230-person facility. He also served as ombudsman, receiving and resolving numerous contractor complaints and inquiries. TACOM personnel credited him with spearheading the consolidated efforts of the contract award process for a major program, stating that he "possesses an unsurpassed work ethic and exudes a can-do attitude that is visibly contagious to those around him."

Jefferis is just one example of the personal pride and commitment to the DCMA mission exemplified each and every day by agency employees. Through innovation, training and customer-focused commitment, DCMA is making a valuable contribution to the safety and security of warfighters and the United States.

— By Danielle Saunders, DCMA Phoenix



Maj. Jason Jefferis, center, receives the 2008 Frank S. Besson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Contracting.

### Clint Browning Successfully Completes DLAMP

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Clint Browning, Defense Contract Management Agency Special Programs South chief, and his fellow participants were recognized for completing the Defense Leadership and Management Program. DLAMP is a

leadership development program for senior Department of Defense civilians and is a key element in DoD's succession planning strategy. The program combines education and development to mature a select group of highly skilled and capable senior civilian leaders. Through a joint perspective, this select group will someday be able to manage DoD's workforce and programs.

The ceremony's keynote speaker was Gail McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans. In her comments, she emphasized the significance of the ever-evolving leadership necessary for the DoD construct. McGinn also discussed DLAMP's importance in developing those employees who would contribute to the future of DoD and the nation. DLAMP participants must have an advanced degree from an accredited institution or earn an advanced degree through professional military education or an accredited institution while enrolled in the program. Additionally, participants must attend senior-level professional military education at one of the senior service schools or the National Defense University as well as two courses in executive leadership.

DLAMP accepted Browning in 2005. Having completed the prerequisites, he was admitted to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, where he graduated in June 2008. In addition to earning a Master of Science in national resource strategy, Browning completed the senior acquisition course and the supply chain management concentration course.



Clint Browning recently received recognition for completing the Defense Leadership and Management Program.

## DCMA ITCSO Reaches IA Goals Two Years Early



DCMA Director Charlie Williams, Jr., left, presents an IA certificate of excellence to DCMA CIO Mike Williams.

Recently, the Office of the Secretary of Defense recognized DCMA's Information Technology Customer Service Organization with a certificate of excellence for outstanding support implementing the Department of Defense Information Assurance Strategy. The certificate commends DCMA for achieving an IA certification rate greater than 90 percent in 2008, positioning the agency to achieve DoD goals two years ahead of schedule.

"The award demonstrates that DCMA is further ahead than other organizations," said IA Director Joe Moretz. Additionally, the achievement positions DCMA as a model for other organizations.

To achieve certification, ITCSO identified 300 IA positions in DCMA and selected a certification vendor to provide the necessary training at locations around the country. Employees with IA responsibilities successfully completed the training required to receive the essential certification.

"The award truly recognizes the hard work that people in the agency put in toward attaining the certification," Moretz stated.

— By Bill Walker, Information Technology Customer Service Organization