

DCMA “Hero” Making a Difference

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Dave Brannick has been a dedicated and respected civil servant for the past 34 years — all of which have been served within the Defense Contract Management Agency. Brannick is a divisional administrative contracting officer at the DCMA Aircraft Operations Hamilton Sundstrand office at Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation in Windsor Locks, Conn.

For many years, Brannick has served his Manchester, Conn., community in several capacities. Perhaps Brannick’s foremost community endeavor is his devoted passion for helping the less fortunate members of his community. Through his church, Brannick works as a volunteer in a homeless shelter and has performed this service regularly for many years.

During the first week of March, Brannick spent three evenings in

the shelter providing supervision for the safety and well-being of more than 35 residents, while also ensuring that all residents complied with the shelter’s rules. Brannick stayed each night, providing a sense of order and safety as the residents slept and made sure to catch a few hours of sleep himself. In the morning, he prepared breakfast for the residents and performed kitchen clean-up duty — all before going to his job at DCMA.

Brannick often performs extra duties at the shelter, such as preparing the evening meal if the regular staff fails to show, and he routinely augments the breakfast menu with interesting food items that he supplies at his own expense. His efforts are geared toward helping shelter residents get to the point where they can make a productive return to society and independently improve their overall quality of life.



Dave Brannick has served his Manchester, Conn., and workplace communities in several capacities.

Brannick also finds time to serve on a church council that provides financial assistance and advisory counsel to local families who need help paying monthly utility bills. This service is critical for underprivileged families during the winter months, when fuel costs can be exceptionally high and fuel-saving tips are particularly welcomed.

In another act of community service, Brannick makes weekly visits to an elderly Manchester resident who recently lost his wife.

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Brannick volunteers a portion of his personal time to provide the man with some much-appreciated social interaction.

Brannick also served as an active participant in the “Meals on Wheels” program that was provided through the local DCMA office for several years. He was part of a team that used its lunchtime to deliver warm meals to grateful house-bound senior citizens.

Another workplace initiative Brannick is involved with is voluntarily managing an employee “Cup and Flower” fund that provides his office with an essential employee morale boost. The money raised for this fund is used to purchase flowers and fruit baskets for employees who are recovering from a serious illness or who have lost close family members during the year.

Brannick’s continued donation of time and money toward worthy human causes makes him an everyday hero. 



Dave Brannick has a passion for helping the less fortunate members of his community.