

Director's Message



This is certainly a very exciting time to be part of the Defense Contract Management Agency family. I know each of you have contributed to our agency's transformation process. For that, I want to thank you for your efforts. In this issue of the *Communicator*, we recognize some of the individuals who went above and beyond their duties in supporting our mission. The recipients of DCMA's 2010 Annual Awards have each achieved outstanding performance, and we want to thank them for their contributions.

Also in this issue, you can read some highlights of our recent achievements in a number of areas.

- We have hired new employees to fill positions in key functions such as our new Cost and Pricing Center. This is an area the department has been focused on in order to reduce costs, and we have made tremendous strides in hiring a capable workforce to meet these demands.
- We are continuing to meet the department's increased requirements in support of the Contingency Contracting Administration Services' mission. I recently had the opportunity to travel to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait to review our operations and meet with senior leaders. The passion and professionalism of those who have deployed is absolutely impressive in every respect. Despite long hours, austere working and living conditions, and a huge workload, our people — your coworkers — are digging in every day to deliver for the warfighter.
- Our Base Realignment and Closure transition is going smoothly. There are now more employees working at our temporary offices around the Richmond area than in our Alexandria headquarters. With every passing day, we are closer to establishing Building 10500 in Fort Lee, Va., as our new home. The move remains on schedule for September 2011.
- We have found new ways to generate savings in efforts to become better stewards of taxpayers' resources — a responsibility each of us shares. Over the past year, we have implemented many steps to achieve efficiency in the way we operate, including launching initiatives to reduce travel, conferences and supply costs. The *Communicator* is an area where we also found savings. You are currently reading the first fully online edition of the *Communicator*. By switching to online, we have significantly curtailed the magazine's printing costs and hope you enjoy the online edition as much as the print.

While these are just some of the highlights you will find in this issue of the *Communicator*, we are continually working toward fulfilling our mission as a combat support agency. What was just a vision two years ago is now becoming a reality. Two years ago, we introduced our Strategic Plan and set out to meet the challenges facing our agency. We have consistently strived to execute the strategies laid out by the plan, and our progresses are evident across the agency. Throughout this journey to transform our agency from good to great, the dedication and quality of DCMA employees have never wavered. The most important customer, the warfighter, has remained the number one priority, and it is with that focus that we continue to perform our duties.

Warmly,

Charlie E. Williams, Jr.
Director