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SEPTEMBER – Air Force Maj. Bob Macaraeg, a former DCMA Northern Europe quality assurance specialist (QAS), is serving his country in Afghanistan as a force protection officer at Kandahar Air Field. His unit, after being hit by Taliban fire from Chinese 107 mm rockets, conceived a modification to the life-saving barriers that are used worldwide to better withstand these rockets. The unit developed sketches of the proposed modification and used Maj. Macaraeg's connections to get the idea to the manufacturer, Hercules Engineering Solutions Consortium (HESCO) Barriers. Maj. Macaraeg, a former HESCO QAS, worked with the unit to create the barrier (left)

and conduct tests while the contractor worked through barrier stabilization, packaging and transportation issues. The wall increases barrier configuration options as well as survivability. It will provide a high level of protection from direct-fire small arms, anti-personnel rocket-propelled grenade fire and near-miss indirect fire. (by Air Force Maj. Robert Macaraeg, force protection officer, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan)

Sharing the Supplier Side

SEPT. 23 – DCMA Detroit employees (right), organized a visit for contracting interns from the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) in Warren, Mich., to Loc Performance Products of Plymouth, Mich., a supplier facility. This visit, which followed a one-day workshop on DCMA's functions and services, offered the interns an opportunity to meet the supplier's personnel with DCMA functional experts present. Loc employees offered valuable presentations on computer numerical control machining and assembly; chemical agent resistant coating technique; shipping; quality assurance; and contracts. In-depth discussions were held on topics related to request for quotations; equitable price adjustments for market fluctuations; supplier risk and purchasing power; and balancing reasonable and supportable delivery extensions with fair consideration. One DCMA team member reminded the new buyers that they will be under tremendous pressure to award contracts but to remember they serve the warfighter, taxpayer and industrial base. DCMA team members coordinating the visit included Ms. Elaine Ionescu, contract administrator; Mr. Ron Lehmann, industrial specialist; and Mr. Justin Miller, DCMA Keystone Intern contract administrator. (by Ms. Marya Davis, team leader, DCMA Detroit)



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Demonstrated Logistician

DCMA Employee Achieves “Demonstrated Logistician” Designation

OCT. 18 – Mr. Len Salazar (left), DCMA West operations directorate, was recently designated a “demonstrated logistician” by the U.S. Army Logistics Management College (ALMC). Mr. Salazar was one of 29 individuals participating in the Army’s Demonstrated Logistician Program as part of a pilot program that included civilian and military members. The program, developed by the International Society of Logistics Engineers and the ALMC, is designed to serve the total Army logistics workforce. In order to qualify for one of three qualification levels — demonstrated logistician, demonstrated senior logistician or demonstrated master logistician — participants must demonstrate successful achievement of standardized criteria drawn from broad categories such as academic education, lifelong learning and mandatory learning, as well as actual experience. (by Ms. Ashley Wuytens, Public

Affairs Student Career Experience Program intern, DCMA West Headquarters)

DCMA Hartford Program Integrators Attend Forum

OCT. 19-20 – DCMA Hartford’s program integrators traveled to DCMA General Dynamics in Burlington, Vt., to attend the semi-annual Program Integration Functional Forum. Established in 2004, the forums are a place to openly communicate, address issues, share best practices and establish an internal network of employees. The forum focused on business writing, supporting contracting administration delegations and performance-based management/quality function deployment. Speakers included Mr. John Krasnitski, DCMA Hartford, and Mr. Richard Horne (far left), DCMA Headquarters. Other forum attendees, shown here from left, included: Mr. Don Messa, Ms. Lorna Noreault, Mr. Jose Negron, Mr. Jon Nestle, Ms. Leslie Shufelt, Navy Lt. Ricky Watson, Ms. Mary Hogrefe, Mr. Dave Winne, Mr. Mike Pantoliano, Mr. Casey Brzozowiec, Mr. Steve Sloboda, Air Force Capt. Shaun Hunt, Ms. Maria Salatino, Mr. Carl Salyer and Mr. Joe Fragnito. (by Ms. Mary Hogrefe, program integrator, DCMA Hartford, and Mr. Stephen Sloboda, program integrator, DCMA General Dynamics, Burlington, Vt.; photo by Mr. Jose Negron, DCMA General Dynamics, Burlington, Vt.)



Hartford Program Integrators



Orlando Walks for Hope

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OCT. 30 – Navy Capt. R. L. Wilson (left), DCMA Orlando commander, joined several other DCMA employees participating in the Orlando Cancer Charities Foundation Walk for Hope for the cure of breast cancer. This event held particular significance for Capt. Wilson. His wife, Diana, also a Naval officer, has recently had a recurrence of breast cancer, and she began surgery and treatment in early October. He stated, “For me, it was the very least I could do, not only for my wife, but for the 250,000-plus women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and for the many thousands of women who don’t even know they have [it].” Capt.

Wilson enjoyed both the act of walking itself and the camaraderie of hundreds of other participants sharing their stories of surviving the disease. “This strengthened our hope that Diana can beat this challenge ... again,” he said. Capt. Wilson is grateful to Ms. Anna Rodriguez, DCMA Orlando’s Wellness/Fitness coordinator, for organizing a DCMA team at the run/walk and encouraging participation in this very worthy event. (by Navy Capt. R. L. Wilson, commander, DCMA Orlando; photo by Ms. Anna Rodriguez, operations secretary, DCMA Lockheed Martin Orlando)

C⁴ Sends Afghan to Iraq

NOVEMBER – A group of friends and coworkers at DCMA Northrop Grumman Baltimore (right) united to form the Cozy Comforts Crocheting Club (C⁴) with the goal of making items for those in need of a little comfort. Their first project was a labor-of-love afghan comforter, which was



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completed in January 2006 and sent to Air Force Capt. Tommie McCloud, a contract administrator from DCMA Northrop Grumman Baltimore, who is currently stationed in Kirkuk, Northern Iraq. At left, the happy and warm Capt. McCloud displays the finished comforter. The group is planning several additional projects to include a second afghan comforter, neck scarves and hats, all of which will be donated to local charities. Members of the crocheting group, with their commander, Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher Athearn, from left: Ms. Beth Scott, Ms. Ronnie Urbont, Ms. Mary Wyatt, Ms. Sherry Dreschler, Ms. Terry Davis and Ms. Kathy Butler. (by Ms. Kathy Butler, contract price/cost analyst, DCMA Northrop



capt. McCloud’s C⁴ Afghan

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Union Agreement Signed

JAN. 11 – Air Force Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, then DCMA director, hosted a signing ceremony at the Agency’s Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., to commemorate a new labor agreement between DCMA and Council 170 of the American Federation of Government Employees. Maj. Gen. Scott thanked the members of the negotiating team for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the best interests of the men and women of DCMA. The DCMA negotiating team members are pictured at right —

standing, from left: Mr. Dean Legacy, Mr. Keith Morrison, Ms. Theresa Cook, Ms. Carolyn Perry, Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, Mr. Tom Maahs, Mr. John Moroney, Mr. Bruce Krasker, Mr. Raymond Petruszki and Mr. Jim Kenny; sitting, from left: Mr. Joe Gabardi, Ms. Susan Benderson, Mr. Arthur Blunt, Ms. Virginia Hemingway, Ms. Shirley Reilly, Ms. Melinda Varner, Mr. William Porzel, Mr. Wayde Howard and Ms. Patcy Wesley. (by Ms. Dianne Ryder, DCMA Office of Congressional and Public Affairs)



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