

# Heritage Award Winner Encompasses DCMA's Core Values

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Every fall, DCMA accepts nominations for the Heritage Award, which recognizes and rewards performance that models the Defense Contract Management Agency core values — one team, indispensable partners and keeping the promise.

Guy Stephens, DCMA Cleveland contract operations supervisor, is DCMA's 2007 Heritage Award winner. Stephens distinguished himself by extraordinary, notable and prestigious contributions impacting the mission of the team, office and activity. Stephens headed a team that informed customers of suspect products, audited and validated product quality, and identified alternate suppliers to ensure stock levels were maintained for the warfighter.

“As his commander, I can tell you that there is no more deserving DCMA professional,” said Army Lt. Col. Tom Lippert, DCMA Cleveland commander. “Guy has received all three core value awards, for very good reasons, and this award is further recognition of his dedication to professionalism and to our mission.”

Stephens himself said, “It has been my honor and good fortune

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to work with many outstanding professionals throughout the DCMA Ohio River Valley organization and beyond. This award is certainly a reflection of that.”

All DCMA civilian and military associates are eligible to receive this

non-monetary award. To find out more about how to nominate an employee visit the Web site <http://home.dcma.mil/guidebook/139/dc03-337.htm>. 

## Guy Stephens



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knowingly providing defective helicopter and aircraft components. The team also provided key evidence and testimony at the criminal trial.

**Indispensable Partner:** Based on his abilities, the commander has requested he mentor all other team leaders in the command at the upcoming contract management office off-site meeting. His mastery of 11 databases to forecast workload and guide employees demonstrates passion for learning and sharing ideas.

**Keeping the Promise:** Stephens and his team have made significant improvements in performance across all measured areas of customer outcomes. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to customers, and his direct involvement in customer actions and contractor challenges exceeds DCMA standards.

**One Team:** Recognized for his team effort in the fraud case against an Ohio machine and manufacturing company. It is a great example of protecting the warfighter from defective and dangerous products. He and his team helped the Department of Defense and federal authorities convict the owner for