

DCMA International Employees Meet With Australian Defence Officials, Visit War Memorial

Air Force Col. Michael Luft | DCMA Pacific Commander

Defense Contract Management Agency International representatives recently met with the Australian Department of Defence, Defence Materiel Organisation, in Canberra, Australia, as part of continuing engagement between DCMAI and the Australian government.

During the meeting, Australian DMO representatives presented updates to several Ministry of Defence programs affecting mutual efforts with DCMAI. Additionally, updates from both DCMAI and DMO regarding ongoing Memorandum of Agreement negotiations

were discussed, ensuring both parties are updated on their current status. DCMAI also briefed new delegation work received in which DMO personnel support quality assurance inspections.

After the meeting, DCMAI and DMO representatives toured the Australian War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is dedicated to all Australian military killed in action from the earliest Australian engagements at Gallipoli to current operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. 



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Airman Follows in Mother's Steps in Providing Munitions Support to Warfighters

Colin Schmitz | Keystone Intern, DCMA St. Louis

“What do I want to do when I grow up? What will it take to reach that point?”

This is a difficult decision young adults must ponder as they begin to plan their future. It all stems from their dreams and their role models. Some look toward their hobbies, such as music or sports, for inspiration. Others look to job trends for their decisions. Others look to their parents for inspiration.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Charles Hall has chosen such a route for his future. Hall, son of Defense Contract Management Agency Chicago-St. Louis Contract Administrator Debra Hall, began his path to success by following in the steps of his mother.

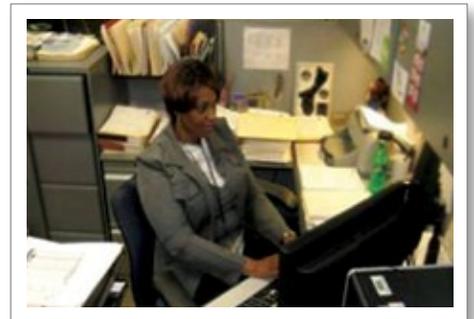
In December 2008, he responded to the call to protect and defend his nation through the Air Force. After completing basic training, he was assigned the role of munitions specialist. This job entails

providing his fellow warfighters with the ammunition they need to defend themselves as well as the tools to defend our freedom. He recently returned from a deployment in Afghanistan where he fulfilled this mission.

For his mother, this is a familiar role, because she had a similar position when she served in the Air Force, and, as a contract administrator, she administers ammunition contracts.

Those who work at DCMA Chicago-St. Louis consider this office not merely a community but a family. In this family, contract administrators have the role of being the parents for their contracts. Parents provide guidance, nourishment, support and care to their children to ensure they grow to be productive, healthy, balanced, mature and moral adults for their community and country. Contract administrators are dedicated to delivering quality supplies and services on time and within cost to their customer, the warfighter.

This is why DCMA takes pride in its work, because DCMA knows the customer is a member of someone's family and, many times, a member of its family. 



Debra Hall, Defense Contract Management Agency Chicago-St. Louis contract administrator, works at her desk where she oversees ammunition contracts. Her son, Air Force Airman 1st Class Charles Hall, is a munitions specialist in the Air Force. Both provide munitions support to warfighters in their respective roles. (Photo by Mike Otey, DCMA Chicago-St. Louis)