

St. Louis Recognized for Community Outreach

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Defense Contract Management Agency's St. Louis contract management office received the 2010 Civilian Welfare Council Community Service Team Competition Award May 6 for its contributions to the local community. James Titus, DCMA St. Louis acting director, and Sandy Waidmann, DCMA St. Louis CWC president, accepted the award at the St. Louis Federal Executive Board Awards Breakfast Program.

The awards committee said it was impressed with the CWC contributions to both DCMA St. Louis civilian employees and the greater St. Louis community.

During the 2009–2010 holiday season, the CWC adopted Every Child's Hope — a local organization that assists troubled

children by providing experiences to help prepare them for effective personal, family, community and career interactions. DCMA St. Louis employees donated outdoor toys and games, including basketball nets, basketballs, soccer balls, jump ropes, baseball bats and gloves and other items to 50 children attending the Early Education Center. CWC members delivered the items to the center and visited the children. A DCMA employee also dressed up as Santa Claus to help distribute the toys.

The CWC also helped support DCMA St. Louis employees who were deployed overseas in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. They collected items such as lotions, soap, chewing gum, toothpaste, coffee and baseball caps and put together care



Sandy Waidmann, Defense Contract Management Agency St. Louis Civilian Welfare Council president, accepts the 2010 CWC Community Service Team Competition Award from John H. Bonapart, Jr., at the Annual St. Louis Federal Executive Board Awards Breakfast Program May 6.

packages. They also collected donations for shipping. The effort had a positive impact with deployed members sending letters and e-mails to the CWC thanking them for their work.

In addition to all the projects the CWC performs for the community, they were also praised for continuously striving to enhance and improve DCMA St. Louis workforce morale. **C**

Conquering the 'Final Frontier'

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NASA recently honored Yung Kit Tsang, Defense Contract Management Agency NASA Product Operations Pratt & Whitney aerospace engineer, for his outstanding contributions to the space program.

For his efforts, Tsang was selected as a manned space flight awareness launch attendee of the shuttle Atlantis (STS-132) to the International Space Station on May 14. "The main engines performed superbly as they boosted Atlantis," Tsang said proudly.

Working on the space shuttle main engine program, Tsang — in conjunction with the contactor and local NASA safety and mission assurance representative — is responsible for the shuttle main engine's value stream mapping effort. Value stream mapping is a manufacturing technique for analyzing the flow of materials and information currently required to get the product to the user. The mapping was performed to determine the current,

ideal and future flow of information and materials. It identified issues associated with accuracy and timeliness of the fuel system flow-down.

Tsang also has been a key focal point in the Ares transition plan bottom-up review. The Ares program is intended to eventually replace the space shuttle and may be a key component in any possible return of people to the moon.

Tsang prepared a consolidated, reimbursable cost data report in response to a very short suspense. The data represented information on labor hours reimbursable to DCMA on behalf of NASA from four separate teams scattered across the country.

As a launch honoree, Tsang joined other honorees at Kennedy Space Center in a variety of activities. A reception, tour and view of the launch were among the activities honorees attended.

"I deeply appreciate being nominated for this honor," Tsang said. "Thanks to both



Yung Kit Tsang, Defense Contract Management Agency NASA Product Operations Pratt & Whitney aerospace engineer, was recognized as a launch honoree and attended the STS-132 launch of the Atlantis to the International Space Station. Tsang was selected for his outstanding contributions to the space shuttle main engine and J-2X engine programs for the past three years. (Photo courtesy of Pratt & Whitney)

DCMA and NASA. It was a tremendous thrill to see the shuttle launch and watch those engines work perfectly." **C**