

# "Sergeant Scuba"

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**M**r. James Gilchrist of Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Lockheed Martin Marietta has a second job — and another identity. When he's not at DCMA, he transforms into "Sergeant Scuba" as locals and coworkers have come to know him.

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diving. He is a member of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers and, on many occasions, has volunteered his services at other aquariums, diving with members of other teams. Just like most fish, he enjoys being within a school of others like him, so he offers scuba diving lessons at his home.

Mr. Gilchrist has been with DCMA since 2004 and works as a quality assurance representative with the C-5 modernization program. On weekdays he performs quality surveillance of the Air Force's C-5 cargo aircraft as part of an ongoing program at the Lockheed Martin facility in Marietta, Ga. C-5 Operations Group Chief, Mr. Kenneth Pates, is proud to have Mr. Gilchrist as a member of his team and has planned an event to honor Mr. Gilchrist with some personalized memorabilia.

To see Mr. Gilchrist in his role as "Sergeant Scuba," be sure to visit Georgia's latest main attraction, the Georgia Aquarium at Pemberton Place. This new tourist attraction, comprising over 500,000 square feet divided into six themed areas, has over 100,000 fish and eight million gallons of water. You don't want to miss "Sergeant Scuba's" underwater world!

For further information, visit the Georgia Aquarium's Web site: <http://www.georgiaaquarium.org>.

At night and on weekends, Mr. Gilchrist volunteers as one of the main divers at downtown Atlanta's new Georgia Aquarium, which is now the world's largest aquarium. He works with 45 other divers (12 of whom are also volunteers), enjoying the benefit of being part of the Georgia Aquarium dive team.

Diving is, without a doubt, an integral part of Mr. Gilchrist's lifestyle, as he has been doing it for over 18 years. He often uses the Navy's popular recruiting phrase, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure!" when referring to

**(Background)** Mr. James Gilchrist, DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta quality assurance representative and avid scuba diver, underwater with a shark.

**(Left)** Mr. James Gilchrist of DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta performing quality assurance functions in an Air Force C-5 cargo aircraft. (DCMA staff photo)