

# Around DCMA



PIGA's Last Repair and buy off

## Marking the End of an Era

Dec. 5 – DCMA St. Petersburg, Fla., participated in marking the end of an era when Navy Capt. Stephen D. Lewia, left, strategic systems programs technical director SP20, took part in the final repair and recertification buy off of the last 10 Pendulous Integrating Gyroscopic Accelerometer size 10 (10 PIGA) at Honeywell in Clearwater, Fla. Tito Santiago, right, DCMA St. Petersburg quality assurance specialist, and Lewia signed the final material inspection and receiving report that day. The 10 PIGA program began in 1983, delivering 4,329 10 PIGA units to the Navy for efforts in support of the Trident II (D5) missile guidance system life extension program. Representatives of the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Cambridge, Mass., and the Navy were on hand, as well as Honeywell 10 PIGA program members, both present and retired. (Submitted by Melanie Kordana, DCMA St. Petersburg)

## DCMA Northern California Employee Receives Silver Snoopy Award

Feb. 4 – Joe Longo, left, DCMA Northern California quality assurance specialist, was presented with a NASA Silver Snoopy award by NASA Astronaut Rick Mastracchio, right. Longo received the Silver Snoopy for consistently contributing beyond his normal duties of ensuring quality and safety in the development and implementation of NASA's human spaceflight programs. As a quality assurance specialist, he developed specific acceptance criteria that were incorporated into NASA's receiving inspection checklists for customer-furnished equipment. His criteria also supported an integrated supply chain matrix outlining numerous sub-tier DCMA quality assurance delegations for contractors supporting NASA. This matrix ensured no inspection work was bypassed or overlooked. As part of Longo's efforts, he initiated a corrective action request to control critical tooling used for the installation of a pyrotechnic cord in the space shuttle's blow-out windows. Longo's knowledge and technical contributions were instrumental to the joint NASA/United Space Alliance/Boeing/Goodrich team in resolving a critical astronaut safety issue that provided a modified and refurbished emergency egress slide from the contractor to the flight crew lab for installation of the STS-117 mission. Before and after the award ceremony, Mastracchio narrated a video of an Atlantis space shuttle launch for which he was one of the scientific team members. After the presentation, Mastracchio answered questions and signed autographs for DCMA Northern California attendees. (Submitted by Rolf Johnsen, DCMA Northern California)



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