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Reunion in Iraq

A Mother and Daughter's War Zone Reunion

October – Joan Sherwood, a contract specialist for the Defense Contract Management Agency's headquarters contracts directorate, was deployed in May 2008, as part of another wave of contracting personnel sent to Iraq for theater-wide contracts administration. Sherwood was stationed in the International Zone in Baghdad working for Army Lt. Col. Thomas Lippert.

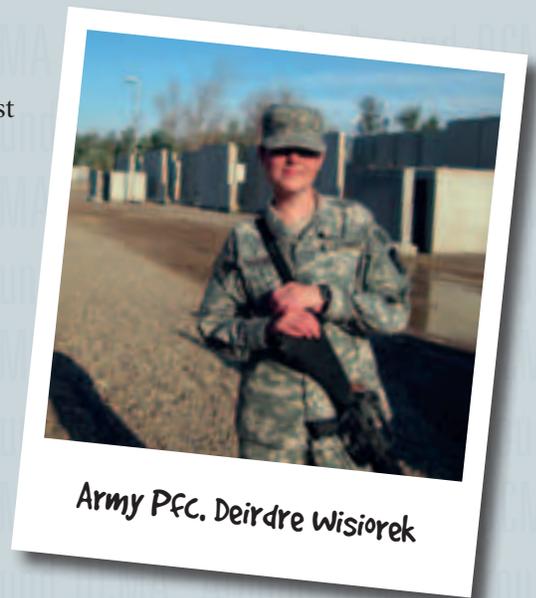
From the time Sherwood arrived, she knew her daughter, Army Pfc. Deirdre Wisiorek, would be coming to Iraq in October. Sherwood said, "Since I was scheduled to return to the States in early November, I wanted everyone to know that I wanted to see my daughter before I returned home." As it turned out, several people made the reunion possible. "Lt. Col. Lippert let me leave the International Zone a day and a half early to spend time with my daughter," Sherwood stated. "He arranged with her commanding officer for a day off for my daughter when I arrived." Sherwood also credits Air Force Senior Master Sgt.

Barry Perkins with coordinating her travel and Army Sgt. 1st Class Jay Sheer and Lynn Eldridge for arranging transportation and accommodations.

"I was able to visit the Golby Troop Medical Clinic at Camp Victory where my daughter is assigned as a medic," the proud mother said. Sherwood relayed the story to a soldier who stopped the two at the post exchange. "He said, 'Did she just call you mom?' We had a few laughs about the novelty of mother and daughter in a war zone," Sherwood expressed.

"I won't see my daughter again until next October," Sherwood said. "I am grateful to all my wonderful coworkers who made this happen for me."

— By Dianne Ryder, editor in chief



Army Pfc. Deirdre Wisiorek



A retirement ceremony was held in honor of Ashton's 50 years of military and civilian service.

DCMA Honors the Retirement of Loyal Military and Civilian Serviceman, Lawrence J. Ashton

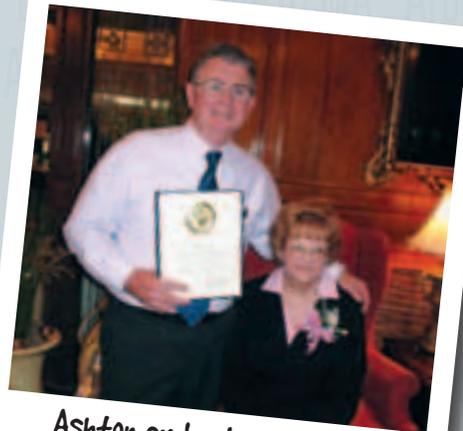
Dec. 31, 2008 – Lawrence J. Ashton, quality assurance representative with DCMA Southern Virginia, retired, ending more than half a century of loyal military and civilian service. With his wife of 39 years, Joan, by his side, Ashton was honored on Dec. 4, 2008, at a retirement ceremony and luncheon in North Carolina.

Many of Ashton's associates from North Carolina and Virginia attended the ceremony, where he received multiple awards and accolades, including a 25-year retirement certificate and the Civilian Career Service Award on behalf of Steven Bogusz, DCMA Naval Sea Systems Division director. Ashton was also presented with a 50-year service award plaque, coins, gifts from his coworkers and two flags — one flown over the United States Capitol in Washington,

D.C., and the second flown over the North Carolina State Capitol in Raleigh. In addition to his gifts, Ashton received congratulatory letters and letters of appreciation, two from North Carolina's governor and the mayor of Fayetteville, N.C.

Ashton's military career began in 1958 with the United States Marine Corps, where he served until September 1962. He served briefly as a Marine Corps reservist from September to October 1962 and then enlisted in the Army, serving from October 1962 until November 1984. Ashton retired from the military with more than 26 years of service, having received many prestigious military awards. His civil service career began on May 5, 1986, as a non-resident quality assurance representative in the Fayetteville area, where he served until his civil service retirement.

Ashton's teams credits his strong family values and faith in God for molding him into someone who DCMA has been fortunate to have for more than 22 years. As for his future, Ashton told team members he plans to: "Stay sane, friendly, helpful, and enjoy my family and retirement."



Ashton embarks on a new chapter in his life with wife of 39 years, Joan.