

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



## CHALLENGES SHOW OUR STRENGTH

March 27 marks the day we celebrate our tenth anniversary as an independent agency within the Department of Defense.

Over the past 10 years, this agency has witnessed an increasing number of contractors working side-by-side with our nation's warfighters. With this increase has come an increase in our responsibility for management and oversight of these contractors.

In a directive issued shortly after the agency's creation, the department clearly outlined that our agency's mission is to perform contract administration services for the department and other authorized federal agencies, foreign governments and international organizations.

Not long after DCMA's birth, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, befell our nation. This heinous attack increased our mission exponentially and put our ability to fulfill our critical mission to the test. Our agency stepped up to meet the department's immediate needs resulting from the Sept. 11 attacks. Our people realized the need to support the warfighter under any and all circumstances and turned that support from words into a lifestyle and existence, a "raison d'être," that I have been tasked with maintaining and fostering during my tenure as director.

In late 2007 and early 2008, this "lifestyle" was fully demonstrated when the agency was asked to increase the number of personnel deployed to the war zone by more than 100 — a milestone that was accomplished and, through your continued support, has been sustained.

I have seen this same dedication throughout the agency as we navigate through the many strategic initiatives currently underway. Although our initiatives are complex and sometimes personally challenging, day after day I see our employees stepping up and embracing the changes we must endure because of their dedication to our mission and their selfless service.

I am sure there are many milestones and achievements, great and small, you have witnessed or participated in during your time with the agency. I ask that you take some time to reflect on these agency milestones and take pride in your contributions! The center pages of this edition of Communicator should help you remember some of the triumphs of our first 10 years of service while showing some of the many faces who have made this agency successful over the years.

Over the past decade, you have affirmed that DCMA's mission is vital to the department's success in peacetime and in war. I am proud to be the director of an agency with such a critical mission and a team of employees who embrace a mission that directly supports our nation's men and women who fight to preserve our security and freedom.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlie Williams, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charlie Williams, Jr.  
DCMA Director