

From the Editor

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

— John F. Kennedy

You may have noticed the *Communicator* magazine has changed ... the Defense Contract Management Agency's (DCMA's) flagship publication is still the primary communication tool for the Agency, but its bold new look and impressive graphics are primarily due to our recent partnership with BRTRC Technology Research Corporation. BRTRC brings with them the expertise and experience you may have seen in other publications, such as *Army AL&T* magazine.

But changes abound — not only Agency-wide transformations such as performance-based management and the emphasis on customer focus but also within the Public Affairs arena. This issue marks the first with me serving as acting editor of the *Communicator*. Our editor, Ms. Lisa Anderson, is on a six-month, voluntary assignment in Iraq. During Ms. Anderson's absence, I hope to continue the excellent reputation we have gained for publishing good news stories and interesting articles about DCMA employees, customers and customer liaisons. As always, we welcome the



submission of articles, photographs or even short paragraphs about newsworthy events (as well as letters to the editor). As part of our transition to a centralized DCMA publication, we have a special section, “Around DCMA,” which spotlights regional events from offices throughout the Agency. I hope this feature will encourage each and every one of you to help us tell DCMA's story from various locations and perspectives.

While the District magazines, *EastSide Edition*, *WestWord* and the *Envoy*, have ceased publication, we continue to look

forward to quality submissions from field offices and Public Affairs liaisons (PALs). As in the past, these articles, photos and story ideas should be submitted to your respective District Public Affairs office.

As always, we value your feedback and suggestions on how to make the *Communicator* an even better publication!

Thank you,

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Change of Command at DCMA Iraq

by Ms. Lisa Anderson, Contract Administrator, DCMA Iraq

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Iraq and DCMA International Commander Navy Capt. Walter H. Melton bid farewell to former DCMA Iraq Commander Army Col. Paul M. McQuain and welcomed Army Col. Jacob B. Hansen at a change of command ceremony on July 12, 2005. The ceremony was conducted in the north entrance of the Republican

Presidential Compound in Baghdad, Iraq, and was attended by Army Maj. Gen. John M. Urias, Joint Contracting Command – Iraq commander, and Ambassador Gregory W. Engle. Col. Hansen assumed command for the DCMA mission throughout Iraq, which includes contract administration, quality assurance and property accountability for billions of dollars in products and services. Additionally, DCMA Iraq oversees dozens of “life support” contracts that provide meals, laundry service, utilities, housing and security to thousands of American and coalition forces and support personnel. Col. McQuain has returned to his former position as commander of DCMA Dallas.



(Left) Air Force Tech Sgt. James M. Restau hands off the DCMA flag to Army Col. Jacob B. Hansen at the DCMA Iraq Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by Mr. Marwan Mohammad, DCMA Iraq)