

# Around DCMA



Visit to Pemco Aeroplex

## U.S. Senator & Congressman Visit Pemco Aeroplex

FEB. 21 – Pemco Aviation Group unveiled its newly modernized hangar at a ceremony attended by Senator Jeff Sessions (front row, center), Congressman Artur Davis (front row, right), representatives from the mayor's office and Chamber of Commerce and over 200 Pemco employees. Air Force Lt. Col. Samuel R. Griffin, commander, Southeast Aircraft Operations (SEAO) – Birmingham represented DCMA at the ceremony. The customer was represented by KC-135 System Program Director Air Force Col. Kenneth J. Moran of Tinker Air Force Base (second row). (Submitted by Ms. Debra Moulton, Public Affairs liaison, SEAO – Birmingham; DCMA staff photo)

## DCMA Maryland Hosts First-Ever "Engineers' Day" During National Engineers' Week

FEB. 24 – For the first time, DCMA Maryland commemorated National Engineers' Week (Feb. 20-26) with "Engineers' Day," which featured discussions on the pivotal role engineers play at DCMA and in society and featured guest speakers from the engineering profession. The event chairman was Mr. Matthew Nawn, DCMA Maryland engineer (top row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left), and speakers included Mr. Frank "Rusty" Elsner III, chairman and CEO of Elsner Engineering Works, Inc. (top row, 4<sup>th</sup> from left); Mr. John H. Nawn, dean of science and engineering at Ocean County College in Toms River, N. J. (top row, left); Ms. Ruth Sluder, Technical Operations Group chief; and Mr. John Siemon, DCMA engineer (bottom row, center). Other participants included Mr. Frank Elsner Jr., chairman emeritus of Elsner Engineering Works (top row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left); Ms. Jane Thompson, DCMA engineering field support representative (top row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right); Mr. Anthony Raspa, DCMA Maryland engineer (top row, right); Mr. Paul Brozovic, DCMA Maryland engineer (bottom row, left); and Mr. Man Mohan Kumar,

DCMA Maryland engineer (bottom row, right). (Submitted by Mr. Matthew Nawn, engineer, DCMA Maryland; photo by Ms. Tracy Williams, DCMA Maryland)



"Engineers' Day"



Women's History

## Women's History Month

MARCH 3 – Eighty-one people attended the DCMA District East Women's History Month celebration at the Barnes Building in Boston, Mass. Mr. Keith Ernst, DCMA District East director, spoke briefly and then introduced the guest speaker, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught (center), spearhead of the Women of the American Military Memorial. Attendees included Air Force Maj. Tonia McCormick (left) and Army 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Angela Cameron (right). (Submitted by Mr. Bill Cashman, Equal Employment manager, District DCMA East Headquarters; DCMA staff photo)

### Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations

MARCH 15 – Mr. Keith Ernst, DCMA East director; Navy Capt. James Trueblood, commander of DCMA Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations (AIMO) Center – St. Augustine, Fla.; and Ms. Debbie Powell, the new deputy commander of the DCMA AIMO – Enterprise (2nd from left) traveled via helicopter to tour many contractor facilities covered by this contract management office, including the Selma, Ala., L3/Vertex facility; the new office and headquarters of DCMA AIMO – Enterprise, Ala.; the Ozark, Ala., U.S. helicopter facility; and the Crestview, Fla., facilities of Crestview Aerospace Corporation and Aerospace Integration Corporation. Mr. Ernst, Capt. Trueblood and Ms. Powell had the opportunity to meet with many personnel in the field, including UH-60 crew chief Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Ray (left) and UH-60 crew chief Army Staff Sgt. Michael Johnson (right). (Submitted by Ms. Tammy Marx, management assistant to the commander/deputy commander, DCMA AIMO – Enterprise; DCMA staff photo)



DCMA AIMO



Mobilization Mission

### DCMA West Reserve Leadership Meets to Discuss Mobilization Mission

MARCH – Senior leadership for the Reserve component of DCMA District West (DCMAW) met in Long Beach, Calif., recently to discuss the Reserve deployment mission and share best practices. The two-day meeting was organized by the DCMAW Joint Reserve Team, led by Air Force Reserve Col. Marilyn Sabicer (3rd from left) and cochaired by Air Force Maj. Gen. John Handy, mobilization assistant to the DCMA director (3rd from right), and Mr. Richard Zirk, DCMAW director (5th from left). The photo shows DCMAW Reservists who were recognized for their deployments in support of *Operations Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* at a presentation in October 2004: Air Force Reserve Maj. Steven Miller (left); Army Maj. Joseph Reyes (2nd from left); Air Force Reserve

Maj. Michael Wolfe (4th from left); Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Mark Brady (4th from right); Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Charles Fortune (2nd from right); Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. William Foster (right). The flags they are holding were flown over Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Center towers in New York, N.Y. (Submitted by Air Force Maj. Lee Whittington, DCMA West Headquarters; DCMA staff photo)

### Col. Andy Mills Awarded Bronze Star Medal

MAY 5 – At the recent Commanders’ Conference, Air Force Maj. Gen. Scott, DCMA director, presented the Bronze Star to Army Col. Ainsworth (Andy) B. Mills for his service as commander, DCMA Iraq. Demonstrating selfless service and courage while exposed to extreme danger from repeated mortar, rocket, small arms fire and improvised explosive device attacks, Col. Mills never wavered from his responsibilities to care for his people and accomplish the mission. As commander, he led 47 individuals in administering \$7 billion in life and combat support service contracts at 70 sites dispersed throughout Iraq. Col. Mills’ extraordinary leadership and independent judgment were instrumental in providing effective and timely combat support services to over 150,000 service members of the multinational forces. Whether supporting offensive operations, assisting the Iraqi relief and reconstruction efforts or coordinating the establishment of the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, his commitment to this team and to the men and women deployed in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* was steadfast. Colonel Mills’ heroic actions and selfless dedication to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the Army and the Department of Defense. (DCMA staff photo)



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### Taking Their Game to a Higher Level

MARCH – The Central High School football team of Bridgeport, Conn., which won 10 of 10 regular-season games in 2004, tallied another victory during a visit to Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. Mr. Bob Mraz, Special Programs team leader at DCMA Sikorsky Aircraft, is a Central graduate and an assistant coach for the team. Mr. Mraz arranged the visit, which included viewing the museum of Mr. Igor Sikorsky's contributions to aviation; touring the helicopter plant with Navy Lt. Tom Mutty, a pilot for DCMA Sikorsky (shown at right with the C.H.S. group and an MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter); viewing a DVD with highlights of Central's 2004 season; and listening to recruiting presentations by Mr. Mraz, Mr. Alex Rodriguez of Sikorsky, a 1994 Central graduate, and Army Sgt. Jose Cruz, an Army recruiter. At the end of the presentation Sgt. Cruz and Central's Assistant Coach Jose Castillo tossed miniature "Go Army" footballs to the crowd. Coach Castillo said team members enjoyed the tour and took away a number of impressions. Mr. Mraz said he planned the tour primarily for the sophomores and juniors, who are just beginning to think about life after high school. Navy Capt. Dorothy J. Freer, DCMA Sikorsky Aircraft commander, credited Mr. Mraz with the idea for the visit and for making arrangements with Sikorsky. "Bob wanted to give these young men a sense of the working world and their options in joining it. We were happy to help," she said. (Submitted by Mr. Walt Zaborowski, contract administrator, DCMA Sikorsky Aircraft; photo by Mr. Steve Kaufman, DCMA Sikorsky)



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When I Grow Up

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APRIL 5 – DCMA St. Petersburg employees and their children, grandchildren and friends participated in "Take Your Child to Work Day." Special Emphasis Coordinator & Quality Assurance Specialist Mr. Darren Blackwell (back row, right) and six other employees, including Ms. Pam Daily, contract administrator (back row, left), and Ms. Linda Ray, Operations chief (back row, center), led the children through the day's activities. (Submitted by Ms. Melanie Kordana, Public Affairs liaison, DCMA St. Petersburg; DCMA staff photo)

### Space Flight Awareness Award

APRIL 19 – DCMA ATK Thiokol's NASA Resident Office honored a DCMA team with a Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Award and luncheon. Members of the team received a certificate with an orbiter flag that had been flown aboard the shuttle, an SFA pin and a cash award. The team receiving this award consisted of Mr. Dale Hansen, quality assurance (QA) specialist (2<sup>nd</sup> from right); Mr. Rick Patterson (not pictured); Ms. Jackie Smith, QA specialist (3<sup>rd</sup> from right); Mr. Greg Traveller, QA specialist (3<sup>rd</sup> from left); and Mr. Gary Jacobson, QA specialist (right). Mr. Hansen, Mr. Patterson and Ms. Smith were recognized for their timely implementation of Return to Flight government mandatory inspection points for the Reusable Solid Rocket Motor (RSRM) program. Mr. Traveller and Mr. Jacobson were recognized for effectively managing the review of approximately 420 RSRM-90 Return to Flight build documentation records for all required government mandatory inspection points. Team members Air Force Lt. Col. Lloyd Blackmon, DCMA ATK Thiokol commander (left); Mr. Larry Nemecek of NASA (2<sup>nd</sup> from left); and Mr. Mark Pickart, DCMA-NASA program integrator (4<sup>th</sup> from left) were also in attendance. According to Mr. Bill Robinson (4<sup>th</sup> from right), NASA resident manager at ATK Thiokol, "The team found a painless way to implement inspection points." (Submitted by Mr. Joe Hawkins, GDR commander's secretary, DCMA ATK Thiokol; DCMA staff photo)

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Space Flight Awareness Award

### Care Packages for Troops in Iraq

MAY – In the past several months over 45 care packages have been sent to troops in Iraq thanks to Ms. Gae Boutin (right), administrative contracting officer, DCMA Boeing Seal Beach, Anaheim campus and past president of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) area chapter, and Ms. Joyce Detki (left), member of the NCMA area chapter and wife of Mr. Bill Detki, contract administrator, DCMA Santa Ana. Ms. Boutin and Ms. Detki solicited donations in their chapter newsletter in order to collect contributions and donations for this project. Trunks full of items were brought to the Detki home, where items were then wrapped and packaged properly for shipment to the troops. Ms. Boutin received a letter of thanks in November 2004 from the Office of the Adjutant at Camp Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Accompanying the letter was an Army battalion coin, which is rarely given, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. The coin was given in recognition and appreciation of the assistance the women have provided with their care packages. DCMA thanks Ms. Boutin and Ms. Detki for their efforts in sending support to our men and women in Iraq. (Submitted by Ms. Ashley Wuytens, staff writer, DCMA West Headquarters; DCMA staff photo)



Care Packages for the Troops



Ms. Charlene Ivey Named Director

### Ms. Charlene Ivey Named Director of DCMA Northern California

MAY – Ms. Charlene Ivey was recently promoted from deputy director to director of DCMA Northern California, located in Lathrop, Calif. As director, Ms. Ivey believes that her role will be “to focus Northern California employees by providing the vision for the future and ensure the connection of their daily positions is tied to their customers, the CMO, the Agency and [DoD].” She truly enjoys working with her staff — as she says, “It electrifies me to see what today’s federal employees are capable of accomplishing” — and is committed to communicating in an open, honest, fair and equitable manner. Prior to joining DCMA, Ms. Ivey held various positions within the Air Force, including contract negotiator, buyer and procuring contracting officer, and worked as a procurement analyst in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense Acquisition Reform. She holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology with a minor in business administration and a master’s

degree in counseling, and she has attended the Federal Executive Institute’s program in leadership. (Submitted by Ms. Ashley Wuytens, staff writer, DCMA West Headquarters; DCMA staff photo)

### Mr. Bruce Zimmerman Receives Meritorious Civilian Service Award

MAY 5 – Mr. Bruce K. Zimmerman (right, receiving award from Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Scott, DCMA director) received the DCMA Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Agency’s second highest honorary award. The award is granted by the DCMA director to civilian employees whose superior service or accomplishments have significant Headquarters, District or multiple-CMO impact. Mr. Zimmerman distinguished himself through outstanding service as deputy commander, DCMA Seattle from January 2000 to April 2005. Mr. Zimmerman’s superb accomplishments in meeting customer mission objectives and energetically developing his local workforce have set the standard for DCMA activities worldwide. His diverse organization managed \$23 billion worth of contracts with over 500 firms spread across five northwestern states. (Submitted by Mr. Steve Uehling, Workforce Development Division chief, DCMA Headquarters; DCMA staff photo)



Mr. Zimmerman Receives Award