

DCMA Accepts Delivery of 20,000th Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck

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DCMA Tactical Wheeled Vehicles – Milwaukee accepted delivery of the 20,000th Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck produced for the U.S. Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command — TACOM — Heavy Tactical Vehicles program office in a ceremony at the Oshkosh Corporation manufacturing facilities Feb. 14.

The HEMTT is produced in multiple variants, including a refueling tanker, cargo truck, load handling system truck, fifth-wheel tractor, wrecker, common bridge transporter and guided missile transporter. Since the first order for 2,000 units 26 years ago, the vehicle has undergone multiple improvements and has been produced in 11 different configurations to keep pace with changing warfighter requirements. The latest version of the HEMTT, named the HEMTT A4, is designed for integrated armor, has a larger engine, improved drive train and suspension, air conditioning, added blast protection and a stronger cab for greater troop protection.

Army Col. Jeff Helmick, transportation capabilities manager, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, attended the ceremony as did Army Col. John Christensen, director, TACOM focused logistics; Army Lt. Col. Al Johnson, Heavy Tactical Vehicles



The DCMA Milwaukee Oshkosh team standing in front of the 20,000th HEMTT. From left to right: Dale Tervonen, engineer; Pat Boushon, quality assurance specialist; Pat Losse, quality assurance specialist; Cleton Trumbo, industrial specialist; Tom Buss, quality assurance specialist; Mark Bennett, administrative contracting officer; Judi Henke, quality assurance specialist; Weldon Stevenson, team chief; Kent Monte, lead quality assurance representative; Ed Graves, program integrator; Navy Lt. j.g. Anjail Weaver, DCMA Milwaukee contract administrator; and Army Lt. Col. Mike Hummel, DCMA Milwaukee commander. Not pictured is Bob Johnson, quality assurance specialist.

program manager; and staff members representing various Wisconsin state representatives.

Helmick commented that the Army, logisticians and transporters are in the business of moving equipment and supplies and that the HEMTT has ably fulfilled this mission. He also commended the HEMTT's proven operational readiness and lauded its durability in combat environments. Johnson echoed Helmick's characterization of the HEMTT, calling it the backbone and workhorse of the Army's logistics fleet. Johnson thanked DCMA for being an integral part of his

program and credited the team for achieving the milestone.

Weldon Stevenson, DCMA Milwaukee Oshkosh team leader, noted that it was entirely appropriate that DCMA help celebrate the 20,000th HEMTT delivery, as DCMA was there when the first HEMTT was delivered to the Army in 1982. DCMA established the Oshkosh resident team in November 2004 at TACOM's request. The team consists of a team leader, an engineer, an administrative contracting officer, a program integrator and a quality assurance team. **C**