

# Sharing her Gift With the Rest of the World

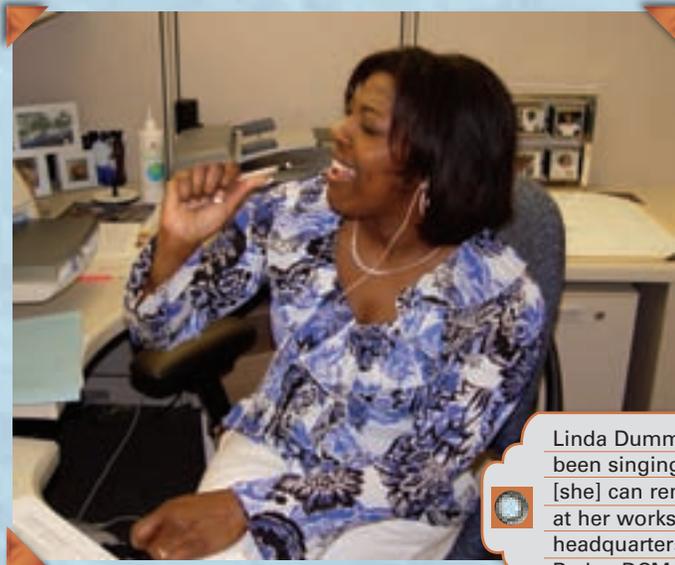
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Linda Dummars is a program analyst in the Defense Contract Management Agency's Resource and Organization Management Team, and those who have worked with her know she has a ready smile and helpful attitude. But unless you've attended events like the recent National Day of Prayer observance or various retirement ceremonies, you may not know her true talent is singing.

Dummars has been with DCMA headquarters since December 2006 but has actually had 13 years of combined military and civilian service. As to how long she has been singing, Dummars says, "as long as I can remember."

Her desire to develop her gift has led to the production of a compact disc of inspirational music. "My love for music and ministry is what propelled me to want to spread the word, to encourage and inspire others through song — that's my gift, and that's the way I wanted to share it with the rest of the world."

Dummars has worked with producers in the past but when asked about "connections," she says, "Interestingly enough, I've always met [producers] through friends, associates, church members — I



 Linda Dummars, who has been singing for "as long as [she] can remember," sings at her workstation at DCMA headquarters. (Photo by Dianne Ryder, DCMA Public Affairs)

never had to seek out anyone, it has just fallen into place, and that's how I know it has been ordained to happen — not so much in my timing or as quickly as I'd liked it to have happened."

A couple years ago, when friends at her church in South Carolina urged Dummars to distribute a CD, she did so and sold a few hundred copies. Nevertheless, Dummars would like to "complete" the compilation, as the current CD has only seven selections of what she describes as "heart songs, or songs that inspire and generate hope."

"I want it to have mass distribution," said Dummars, "and

if you're paying the same price for my CD as somebody else's, I think the quality should be just as good." Since Dummars has sung at many weddings before, her friends wonder whether she will sing at her own upcoming nuptials in August. "Not at the wedding ... because everyone probably expects that I will, but I wanted to change it up a little bit, and my groom doesn't even know, but I'll be singing at the reception — so it'll be a surprise performance."

You can keep up with further news on Dummars via her social network page: [www.myspace.com/lindadummars](http://www.myspace.com/lindadummars). 