

Army Employees Set New Standard, Save DoD Millions

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Jacqueline R. Boucher

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa.—Logistics Support Activity and Defense Logistics Agency employees teamed up to win the 2008 Defense Standardization Program Achievement Award for helping the Department of Defense save millions of dollars in repacking and re-palletizing costs.

As members of the Joint U.S. Army/DLA Team, they spearheaded a project that converted a military handbook to a standard, saving the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna in New Cumberland, Pa., an estimated \$4.1 million annually.

The reinstated military standard that outlines techniques,

Since 1987, the Defense Standardization Program Office has recognized individuals and organizations that have effected significant improvement in quality, reliability, readiness, cost reduction, and interoperability through standardization.

Employees here were the logical choice to head the project because the LOGSA Packaging, Storage, and Containerization Center is the lead agency for documents within the Defense Standardization Program. PSCC also functions as the Army custodian for the standard.

"It was wonderful to see the finished product in print," Podrasky said. "The standard helps anyone who has to palletize items for the government," she said, explaining that the handbook was just for guidance and people could choose whether to follow it or not. "The standard must be followed."



LOGSA employees (from left) Ken Hill, Ann Podrasky, Joe Wolak, and Tom Kozlowski earned accolades for their participation in a project that converted a military handbook to a military standard.

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methods, and materials for palletizing military supplies, *MIL-STD-147E, Palletized Unit Loads*, was published in May 2008.

The five winning team members were Tom Kozlowski, industrial engineer; Joe Wolak, distribution facilities specialist; Ken Hill and Ann Podrasky, packaging specialists from LOGSA; and Timothy Keller, product specialist from DLA.

The MIL-STD-147 existed as a military standard for many years. The document was published in 1957, while the last revision was published in 1988 and validated in 1994. In 1996, during the Acquisition Reform in the 1990s, MIL-STD-147 was converted to a handbook.

Kozlowski explained that the guidance in the handbook could be cited in contracts, but not enforced. This resulted in commercial vendors using inconsistent palletizing methods that often didn't work in DoD's automated materials handling system.

To reduce repacking costs and streamline processes, military and private industry agreed that vendors should be required to follow standard procedures to ensure a uniform approach to palletizing items for shipment. Team members cited safety as another factor in the change. The standard now provides stable unit loads that reduce the liability of material handling, and reduce the safety risk for military and civilian employees either working with or near unit loads.

"The new standard hits the mark," said Wolak. "As a compliance document, it provides stringent guidelines that, when followed, will result in substantial cost savings."

Boucher writes for Tobyhanna Army Depot News Service.

Richmond Supply Center Wins White House Award

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY MEDIA CENTER (MAY 1, 2009)

Debra Bingham

RICHMOND, Va.—Defense Supply Center Richmond's environmental management team has earned first place in the 2009 White House Closing the Circle Awards. The annual award recognizes the achievements of federal employees and facilities that promote environmental stewardship. The award focuses on waste prevention, recycling, green purchasing activities, environmental management systems, and other conservation and preservation initiatives.

DSCR's Environmental Management Systems Implementation Team won in the military category, for EMS Benefits to a Department of Defense Installation. Jimmy Parrish, chief of the Environmental Branch, said this is the second time the EMS team has won the award; its first win was for its role in creating the Virginia Regional Environmental Management System in 2005. DSCR's first win was in 1997 for its marketing of re-refined oil.

"There were tons of things that went into winning this award," Parrish said. "We worked extremely hard to establish our Environmental Management System five years ago and then went one huge step further and had that system externally registered to the International Standards Organization's EMS standards. We were then and still are the only DLA site to accomplish this."

To maintain the EMS registration, DSCR had to pass external surveillance audits every six months and show that the system was doing good things for the installation.

Parrish said the biggest goal of any EMS is to show each employee that his or her actions have an impact upon the environment. He said the EMS is not led by the environmental office, but by employees on post. When an action has a positive impact, the goal is to maximize it. For example, planting trees and vegetation on post supports wildlife habitat restoration. Not only does this do good things for the environment, it allows employees to own their work processes and to see that they can make a positive difference. Parrish had many examples of how employees contribute to the success of the system.

"We have DSCR and [DLA Office of Operations Research and Resource Analysis] employees who volunteer their time to count blue bird hatchlings," Parrish said. "We have engineers who independently came up with a more energy- and cost-efficient way of lighting storage and office bays; we have a welder who designed and built a weather-resistant outside recycling bin just to maintain the integrity and value of the recyclables; and Business Management employees helped involve DSCR in a ceiling tile recycling program, rather than sending used materials to a landfill."

Parrish downplayed his role in the program, saying that he was the one who wrote up all the reports. He said the employees make it happen.

"This award is because our employees proved that our EMS can work. It belongs to them," Parrish said.

DoD Awards \$260 Million in University Research Funding

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (MAY 8, 2009)

The Department of Defense today announced plans to award 69 academic institutions \$260 million over the next five years to perform multidisciplinary basic research. Awards are subject to the successful completion of negotiations between the academic institutions and the DoD research offices that will make the awards: the Army Research Office (ARO), the Office of Naval Research (ONR), and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR).

The awards are the result of the fiscal 2009 competition that ARO, ONR, and AFOSR conducted under the DoD Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) program. The MURI program supports research by teams of investigators that intersect more than one traditional science and engineering discipline in order to accelerate both research

progress and transition of research results to application. Most MURI efforts involve researchers from multiple academic institutions and academic departments. Based on the proposals selected in the fiscal 2009 competition, a total of 69 academic institutions are expected to participate in 41 research efforts.

The MURI program complements other DoD basic research programs that support traditional, single-investigator university research by supporting multidisciplinary teams with larger and longer awards. The awards announced today are for a five-year period subject to availability of appropriations and satisfactory research progress. Consequently, MURI awards can provide greater sustained support than single-investigator awards for the education and training of students pursuing advanced degrees in science and engineering fields critical to the DoD, as well as for associated infrastructure such as research instrumentation.

The MURI program is highly competitive. ARO, ONR, and AFOSR solicited proposals in 32 topics important to the DoD and received a total of 152 proposals. The awards announced today were selected based on merit review by panels of subject matter experts.

The list of projects selected for fiscal 2009 funding is available at <www.defenselink.mil/news/may2009/FY09MURIPressReleaseTableFinal.pdf>.

Idea Earns Maintainer Big Money

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (MAY 11, 2009)

Air Force Staff Sgt. Rachel Martinez

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan—A simple suggestion earned one Misawa maintainer \$10,000 and saved the Air Force thousands more.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jerome Latham, an engine craftsman with the 35th Maintenance Squadron, suggested a technical order change to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, or IDEA, program. His idea resulted in validated tangible savings and was approved for implementation Air Force-wide.

The IDEA program is the Air Force's incentive program that recognizes individuals with great ideas that streamline processes or increase productivity and efficiency, according to Toshiyuki Takashi, the Misawa IDEA program manager. Air Force officials are constantly seeking new and better ways of doing business.

Latham's idea involved extending the divergent flap wear limit on the F110-GE-129 engine exhaust nozzle of the aircraft engine.

"We do regular inspections, and these parts were supposed to be replaced," he said. "The wear limits were minimal, and we were throwing them away all the time."

At first, just looking to obtain a local waiver, Latham contacted the engine manufacturer. He was given permission to increase the wear limit for Misawa and implemented the new practice in December of 2008. Looking at past data, Latham discovered the local change will save Misawa more than \$256,000 annually. Believing the rest of the Air Force could implement the same change, he submitted his suggestion to the IDEA program.

Latham was notified recently that his idea was approved, and his suggestion would be added to the new technical order. Air Force Col. Robert Craig, 35th Fighter Wing vice commander, presented Latham with the \$10,000 check in his work center.

"A lot of people see the same things I did, but don't want to take the time to fix them," Latham said. "It was just a simple change. Lesson learned: keep your eyes open, save the Air Force money, and improve your job by doing it more efficiently."

Martinez writes for 35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs.

TRADOC Awards Transportation Civilian of the Year to Fort Lee Member

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (May 28, 2009)

Amy Perry

FORT LEE, Va.—A member of Team Lee earned the coveted title of Transportation Corps Civilian of the Year for the Training and Doctrine Command.

Arnold "Buck" Shaw, a training specialist for the Combined Arms Support Command, was presented the award by Maj. Gen. James E. Chambers, CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, in a ceremony May 20 at the 1st Logistical War Memorial, beside the Sustainment Center of Excellence.

"I'm deeply honored and frankly, deeply overwhelmed, to receive this award," said Arnold. "This is something beyond anything I have considered for myself."

Shaw has served as a transportation training specialist since 1999, and his efforts in the development of training products have greatly increased knowledge and skills and saved the

lives of countless soldiers in combat, said Chambers, during the presentation.

In 2008, Shaw was credited with revising and redesigning the Convoy Survivability Training Support Package, integrating counter radio-controlled improvised explosive device electronic warfare training into basic combat training; and revising and developing an improved convoy live-fire exercise and developing many training programs to support soldiers, according to his award nomination. He was also responsible for developing the Basic Officer Leadership Course II's Convoy Training Support Package, coordinating CASCOM's participation in the Sniper Defeat Integrated Capabilities Development Team, and creating a distributed learning product for the Captain's Career Course Phase III.

In addition, he coordinated with deploying units and capabilities integration teams to ensure they were trained correctly and had all the assistance they needed. He also modified convoy training materials for distribution to foreign governments.

Shaw is also active within his community. He served as the pit crew leader for the Thomas Dale High School Marching Band in Chester. He is a Civil War re-enactor and living historian, and strongly advocates the historical application in learning.

Chambers said Shaw's contributions within the Army and within his community are the reasons he earned the award, and he was pleased to be able to present it to him.

"It's a big day for the logistics community, but it's also a big day for the transportation community to see Buck recognized for his work," said Chambers. "I'm glad to have the opportunity to recognize the achievements of Buck Shaw, and express my appreciation for his extraordinary service to CASCOM, our Army, and, especially, our soldiers."

Perry writes for Fort Lee Public Affairs.

Local Depot Employee Selected For Army Ammunition Excellence Award

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (JUNE 26, 2009)

Jo Adail Stephenson

BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Richmond, Ky.—Blue Grass Army Depot employee Timothy Thompson has been selected to receive the 2008 Department of the Army Ammunition Manager of the Year Award for Excellence in Ammunition Management.

"This prestigious award recognizes individual excellence and professionalism in the accomplishment of ammunition management duties worldwide," said Theresa Smith, chief, Ammunition Management Career Program Office.

Each year the career program honors one outstanding ammunition expert among the three grade categories. The two other 2008 Award for Excellence in Ammunition Management recipients are Lucinda Lenger, Joint Munitions Command, Logistics Integration Directorate, Rock Island, Ill., and Roy Hale, 7th U.S. Army, Joint Multinational Training Command, G3, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

"Mr. Thompson is truly deserving of this award and has done an outstanding job supporting our joint military forces deployed worldwide. These 'tip of the spear' units routinely rely on Tim and Blue Grass Army Depot to achieve mission success, and they will never be let down," said Blue Grass Army Depot Commander Col. Joseph Tirone.

The Ammunition Management Career Program Office maintains an Army-wide pool of ammunition managers with training and expertise in conventional, chemical, and missile ammunition. Approximately 600 ammunition managers worldwide currently provide support to various customers within the Department of Defense.

The Ammunition Management Career Program is a Department of Army civilian career program established in 1983 to enhance the Army's ability to accomplish its ammunition logistics mission.

Stephenson writes for Blue Grass Army Depot Public Affairs.

AMC Organizations Win Value Engineering Awards for 2008

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (JUNE 26, 2009)

Several U.S. Army Materiel Command organizations were recognized during the Department of Defense Value Engineering Achievement awards ceremony at the Pentagon on June 17.

The Value Engineering Awards Program is an acknowledgment of exemplary achievements and encourages additional projects to improve in-house and contractor productivity.

Award winners from each DoD component were eligible for selection in five categories: program/project, individual, team, organization, and contractor. Additional special awards were given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expanded the traditional scope of value en-

gineering use. The recipients were honored for their work in fiscal year 2008.

The AMC winners were:

- Individual: Michael Price, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center
- Team: Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC) Value Engineering Team, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command
- Organization: U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command
- Special Award: Vicki Loewen, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center
- Special Joint Project Award: Mobile Jettison Unit (MJU) Decoy Flare Re-build Project involving AMC's Crane Army Ammunition Activity and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.

During 2008, 1,254 in-house value engineering proposals and 60 contractor-initiated VE change proposals were accepted with projected savings/cost avoidance in excess of \$1.5 billion.

Value engineering is a systematic process of function analysis to identify actions that reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire spectrum of DoD systems, processes, and organizations.

Vice President, Deputy Secretary Present Top Environmental Awards

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (JUNE 3, 2009)

Donna Miles

WASHINGTON—Vice President Joe Biden praised winners of the 2009 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards today for leading the way in environmental stewardship as they lead the way in the nation's defense.

Biden joined Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III in the Pentagon auditorium to recognize installations and teams he said are excelling in an area most people in the general public would never expect.

"This is an outfit that does it all," Biden said. "When I look at the accomplishments of the teams we honor today, I am genuinely impressed by how our nation's armed forces, while fighting two wars overseas and many other contingencies across the globe, can still lead the fight for effective environmental stewardship."

Biden noted that the Defense Department, as the United States' largest employer, land owner, and energy consumer,

is making "a gigantic impact" in committing to environmental protection.

Today's winners have stood above the rest in protecting wetlands, promoting recycling programs, and preserving archeological sites through "innovation, improvising, as well as simple, plain hard work," he said. "But they don't stand alone," he said, pointing to the extensive environmental focus throughout the department.

"You have also demonstrated that in our military, you don't need to wear a green beret to be proud of being green," he said.

The \$4.3 billion proposed for the department's environmental programs in fiscal 2010 will continue this effort, Biden said. "It's a big deal what you are doing, and we have a shot at doing so much more," he said.

Lynn lauded the commitment this year's awardees have demonstrated to environmental preservation. "They developed and implemented innovative techniques to eliminate waste production, use green alternatives in weapons systems development, reduce pollution, and the consumption of energy and natural resources," he said.

"Since the Department of Defense is the single-largest consumer of energy in the United States, it is important that we also be a leader in efficiency and in using renewable fuels," he said.

Ashton B. Carter, under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology, and logistics opened today's ceremony noting the lasting impact the awardees' "extraordinary contributions" will have.

"The men and women we honor today are committed to maintaining and restoring our natural resources, not only to address the complex security challenges of today, but to ensure that generations to come will benefit from our nation's unquantifiable richness," he said.

The following environmental award winners were honored:

- Camp Ripley Maneuver and Training Center, a Minnesota Army National Guard facility, was the winner in the Large Installation Natural Resources Conservation category. With more than 19 miles of Mississippi River frontage, it was recognized for its role in protecting the river and its delicate ecosystem.
- Fort Drum Cultural Resources Team, Fort Drum, N.Y., won in the Team/Individual Cultural Resources Management category. The team was honored for its role in

protecting more than 240 prehistoric and 700 historic archeological sites, as well as six districts on the National Register of Historic Places.

- U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg, Germany, won in the Overseas Installation Environmental Quality category. The post was honored for its environmental management system that promotes pollution prevention, recycling, public health, and conservation.
- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., won in the Non-Industrial Installation Pollution Prevention category. The base was recognized for its combined pollution prevention efforts credited with reducing hazardous waste, solid waste, air and water contaminants, and other pollutants.
- Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., won in the Installation Cultural Resources Management category. The base was honored for implementing an integrated cultural resources management plan that protects and preserves more than 1,600 irreplaceable archeological resources and historic properties, 14 rock art sites, and other cultural assets.
- Environmental Management Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, won in the Industrial Installation Environmental Quality category. The division was recognized for environmental excellence in managing nearly 1 million acres of the Utah Test and Training Range as it supported five wings and about 40 tenant units.
- The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Pollution Prevention Team, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., won in the Team/Individual Pollution Prevention category. The team was honored for its environmental program management efforts that include an innovative glass recycling program, increased use of biodiesel and other alternative energy sources, and Earth Day-related education outreach.
- Defense Depot Memphis, Tenn., won in the Installation Environmental Restoration category. The facility, which closed in 1997 under a Base Realignment and Closure program, was cited for applying innovation and forward

thinking to speed clean-up operations and successful land reuse.

The secretary of defense has been recognizing installations, teams, and individuals for outstanding achievement in en-

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Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics)

vironmental management each year since 1962. A panel of experts representing federal and state agencies, academia, and the public selected this year’s winners.

41 DoD Scientists and Engineers Win Presidential Award

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (JULY 10, 2009)

The White House announced yesterday 41 researchers nominated by the Department of Defense as winners of the 2008 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers. The PECASE awards are the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on faculty members who are beginning their independent research careers. The DoD’s selections for this prestigious award included submissions from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, based on the individual’s innovative research at the frontiers of science, engineering, and education.

“The DoD researchers who are receiving this distinguished award are exceptional technical leaders in their disciplines,” said Zachary J. Lemnios, director, Defense Research and Engineering. “We are fortunate to have such a talented cadre of scientists and engineers who are interested in our national security technology challenges.”

The recipient scientists and engineers will receive their awards this fall at a White House ceremony. The DoD 2008 PECASE scholars will receive grants of \$200,000 a year for up to five years to conduct basic research in support of critical government missions. For a list of the DoD awardees and

their home institutions, go to <www.defenselink.mil/news/Jul2009/PECASE_Recipients_Services_2009_July_.pdf>.

Award Recognizes Excellence in Installation Management

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE (JULY 23, 2009)

Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden

WASHINGTON—The top installations from each military service and the Defense Logistics Agency received the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence at a Pentagon ceremony yesterday. The award recognizes the efforts of those who operate and maintain military installations and who have best managed their resources to support the mission, said Dorothy Robyn, deputy under secretary of defense for installations.

"Those being recognized today represent the finest achievements in installation support by our military—accomplishing their mission while improving the quality of life for those who serve," Robyn said.

With military combat and humanitarian deployments under way across the globe, she said, "all of our installations are under extraordinary demands, which makes the accomplishments of our awardees all the more remarkable."

This year's awardees are: Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.; Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif.

Robyn's predecessor, Wayne Arny, was the ceremony's keynote speaker. He added to Robyn's sentiments, citing that those who operate and maintain military installations strive to be the best at what they do, because of how much installations mean to servicemembers' families.

"They ensure the water's clean, the air is fresh, the roads are safe, and that the facilities are maintained to the highest degree possible, all while maintaining military readiness," he said.

Arny lauded the winners for pioneering groundbreaking methods to achieve mission goals, for being leaders in stewardship of natural and cultural resources, and for improving cooperation within their local communities.

"You're developing and implementing best practices for improving quality of life for those living and working on or around your installation," Arny said. "Our defense organization is the best in the world, and our installations are the

platforms from which America's military capabilities are generated, deployed, and sustained."

Army Maj. Gen. Tony Cuculo, commanding general of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, accepted the Army's award for his coastal Georgia community. Fort Stewart, he said, is more than just a duty to his soldiers; it's home to their fellow soldiers and their families.

"Home is where the Army sends you, but home is just a word to a soldier and his family unless there's a feeling of warmth, welcome, and care behind it," Cuculo said. "It's not just the nice facilities and the manicured lawns—it's an attitude of service [and] a deep understanding of who is served."

President Ronald Reagan created the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence in 1985. The Defense Logistics Agency was added to the competition in 1988. Award recipients receive a trophy, an "Installation Excellence" flag, and a letter signed by President Barack Obama.

AMC Presents 2009 Louis Dellamonica Awards

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (JULY 23, 2009)

Beth Clemons

The U.S. Army Materiel Command awarded several employees with the Louis Dellamonica Outstanding Personnel of the Year Award during a May 1 awards ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Louis Dellamonica Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments that significantly contributed to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives. Each year AMC selects 10 employees, military and civilian, below the rank of general officer and senior executive service, which meet the established criteria and stand out as model employees.

This award was named in honor of Louis Dellamonica, a general engineer with AMC's Hawthorne Army Depot, Nev. Dellamonica was both the oldest and longest-serving Department of Defense employee before retiring in January 2007 at the age of 94 with more than 65 years of service.

This year's recipients are:

- Darryl Hampton, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, provided exceptional program management on multiple projects serving Fort Belvoir, the new Walter Reed facility, Pueblo Chemical Depot, Air Force intercontinental ballistic missile sites, priority one minuteman missile routes, and projects in Hawaii and Guam.

- Jeffrey M. Kiley, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, developed a risk assessment tool that allowed, for the first time, contaminated waste to be safely shipped.
- Dr. Douglas Kiserow, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, co-organized workshops to better connect the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies with the Army, resulting in 35 new research collaborations.
- James Parker, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Life Cycle Management Command, is recognized for his exceptional technical expertise and unwavering commitment to personnel and systems.
- Steven Webb Sr., Research, Development, and Engineering Command, deployed to Iraq to provide direct support to the 402nd Army Field Sustainment Brigade, where he participated in logistics planning and fielding of equipment and programs at sites throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Matthew Taylor, Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC), is recognized for his commitment and relentless efforts to consistently improve sustainment support for a wide range of key life support systems, including army field kitchens, laundries, showers, heaters, and the force provider base camp system.
- William Roche, TACOM LCMC, developed new software and trained others in its use, to efficiently and accurately accomplish evaluations, resulting in an agreement on a total cost reduction of \$872 million.
- Edward Perez, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command (CECOM LCMC), is recognized for his outstanding work on Army force generation requirements for various units across a widely dispersed geographical area with very stringent timelines for accomplishment.
- Stephen Kovacs, U.S. Army CECOM LCMC, is responsible for the expansion of the Software Asset Management/Consolidated Acquisition and License Management program, which has procured and managed more than \$45 million in software licenses resulting in a savings and cost avoidance of almost \$3 million in the last fiscal year alone.
- Jane Elliott, TACOM LCMC, is recognized for her significant contributions in the success of the Simplified Non-Standard Item Acquisition Process program. Elliott personally reviewed 12,600 new FMS requirements for SNAP and, as the procuring contracting officer, signed 11,096 awards totaling \$53.4 million.

Clemons writes for Army Materiel Command.

Ammunition Community of Practice Wins Army Knowledge Management Award

The Ammunition Community of Practice (Ammo CoP) has been recognized by the Army Knowledge Management Awards program. The AKMA provides Army-level recognition for initiatives in knowledge-based capabilities and solutions to those who have had tangible success related to Army KM goals and objectives. One winner is chosen in each of the three Army KM dimensions: People/Culture, Process, and Technology. The Ammo CoP was submitted under the Process dimension. The Ammunition CoP resides on the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) at <<https://acc.dau.mil/ammo>>, and its purpose is to share knowledge throughout the ammunition enterprise. The Defense Acquisition University partnered with the Defense Ammunition Center, McAlester, Okla., to assist with building and hosting the Ammo CoP. The community was deployed in November of 2008 and now has more than 1,200 members. The Army Knowledge Management award will be presented by Army Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, G6/CIO, at the LandWarNet luncheon Aug. 20 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Nunn-Perry Award Nominations

The prestigious Nunn-Perry Award, named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn and former Secretary of Defense William Perry, was first awarded in 1995 to recognize outstanding Mentor-Protégé teams formed under the auspices of the DoD Mentor-Protégé program.

The DoD Mentor-Protégé Program is the pre-eminent program within the Federal Government for the transformation of a small business firm with high potential to a firm of substance, that is, one able to perform well as a prime contractor and/or a subcontractor. In the event that the small business firm possesses commercial capabilities with a domestic or global orientation, the firm's potential becomes stronger yet.

All eligible nominations are reviewed and numerically scored by a review panel. The composition of the panel is at the discretion of the DoD Director, Office of Small Business Programs. The panel may consider other pertinent information regarding the particular Mentor-Protégé agreement. The review panel presents their nominations in order of ranking to the DoD Director, OSBP, for consideration of award. Direct reimbursable and credit agreements are ranked separately. The number of awards are at the discretion of the Department of Defense.

Nomination packets will be made available for the FY10 Nunn-Perry Awards in the September-October 2009 time frame at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/mentor_protege_nunnperry/index.htm>.