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DLA 21: Transforming Military Logistics Support

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DLA: Facing many future changes

Every issue of *Dimensions* magazine is an Agency archive of sorts and a snapshot of DLA at a certain time and place. This issue will be one that historians and future members of DLA will consider a “keeper,” for it chronicles some of the major changes that mark a new era for our Agency. There is much in this issue that will interest you, but I want to highlight three articles: DLA 21 on page 2; the establishment of the Defense Contract Management Agency on page 4; and an interview with our new Vice Director, Rear Admiral Ray Archer, beginning on page 6.

I say “new” Vice Director, but Ray Archer has been helping to lead this Agency since last fall. In that time, he has taken on such major issues as Y2K, Business Systems Modernization, and DLA 21 to name just a few. Now, in this *Dimensions* interview, he shares with you some of his perspective on his priorities and his role here. I can tell you that I can’t have a better vice director than Ray Archer. We are truly fortunate to have him in a leadership position here.

That leadership position is now named vice director, instead of deputy director, a change brought about by DLA 21. In the DLA 21 article, you will notice that we have many organizational changes, as we restructure and realign to position our Agency for success in the future. DLA 21 is our blueprint for change. We must be more agile, focused and harmonized to be a relevant organization in the 21st century, and DLA 21 will help get us there. Change is not easy for many people, there’s no denying that. But sometimes the change is a transformation that takes us to a better, more desirable stage or structure. That is what we want DLA 21 to do for us.

Eventually our organization will reflect the joint staff, representing all the Military Services that we serve. Part of the organizational change that DLA 21 brings is the standing down of the Defense Logistics Support Command. Many of the functions being performed by DLSC will be assumed by Logistics Operations. At the same time, the Department of



Defense announced in March that the Defense Contract Management Command will become a separate DoD Agency, the Defense Contract Management Agency. Contract administration has been a part of DLA for 36 years, and all of us are proud to have partnered with the CAS support organizations over that time. Our DCMC/DCMA partners have so many accomplishments to be proud of. They have not only provided outstanding support during contingencies and humanitarian operations, but also accumulated a wealth of awards to recognize their many achievements over the years. I know you will join with me and wish them every success in all their future endeavors.

As we put DLA 21 into place and head for the future, I’m grateful for the great DLA work force that I have by my side. Together, we can ensure that DLA remains the warfighters choice for logistics support. ♦

Henry J. Gleason



Flashback



Armed Forces Week May 11-17, 1969

From the DSA News, May 16, 1969

This soldier in Vietnam carries more than 20 items bought by DSA or procured under our Contract Administration Services.

TO ALL IN DSA—

During Armed Forces Week it is fitting that we raise our eyes and our thoughts from the paperwork on our desks or from our daily tasks to recognize why we are here.

Our job is clear-cut. It is to provide needed supplies and crucial logistical support to the fighting man.

During this week, let us rededicate ourselves to our basic missions. The life of the man in combat, like the one above, may well depend on the quality of our work on any given day.

Earl C. Hedlund

EARL C. HEDLUND
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DLA 21 Precepts

- ◆ **Support to the warfighter is our focus**
- ◆ **Information is both a DLA commodity and an enabler**
- ◆ **Committed to Business Systems Modernization**

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