

“On a normal day, Brenda can pick 120 items and stow over 50 receipts, while performing the additional duties of conducting inventory and location survey functions,” said her supervisor Gene Parker. “Her name usually comes up when there is a special project that needs to be completed expeditiously.”

Each year the Defense Logistics Agency solicits its field activities for the Outstanding Employee with a Disability of the Year Award. All nominations for this award must meet specific criteria to include a description of how the nominee demonstrates job performance that clearly exceeds the requirements in spite of the severely limiting physical and or mental factors, exhibits courage and initiatives in overcoming his or her disability, and must be a Federal employee that meets the definition of a qualified person with a disability as stated in 5 U.S.C Part 2105.

An independent panel reviews the submissions and selects a winner for DDC. The DDC winner’s name and nomination packet is forwarded to DLA Headquarters (HQ) for consideration for the DLA HQ award. The award winner, along with award winners from other Department of Defense agencies, will be honored at the Annual DOD Disability Awards Ceremony.

If you have questions regarding the nomination process please contact DDC Persons with Disability Program Manager, Mattie Taylor at (717) 770-4238 or email mattie.taylor@dla.mil.

DDC intern nominated for President Classroom Volunteer Instructor

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One of the Defense Distribution Center’s (DDC) corporate interns may be headed to Washington, D.C., soon.

After being nominated for the 2006 President Classroom Volunteer Instructor Program, first by DDC, then by DLA, Supply Management Specialist Shannon Lukins is one step closer to the White House.

The Presidential Classroom is 15 separate week-long programs held each year that provides the nation’s most promising high school student leaders an opportunity to participate in a dynamic study of American government, current issues, and the inner workings of the federal government. Since its inception in 1968, the program has relied on a corps of volunteer instructors from the federal government.

“This is the first time DDC has sent a nomination for consideration,” said Workforce Development Program Manager for Corporate Interns Mike Hasuga. “As soon as I read the email from DLA soliciting nominations, I knew Shannon, with her professional and educational background, was the perfect candidate.”

Logistic Operations Director Pat McCormick felt the same. “With her master’s degree in Educational Leadership and her

experience as a public school teacher, I believe Shannon is an excellent candidate for this important program.”

Lukins is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2005 Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Ga. (DDWG), Star Award for Exceptional Service; the National Honor Society in Psychology; military and public service awards for volunteerism; and the 1988 and 1990 Lewis County, Wash., Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year.

“It would be an amazing opportunity for me as well as the students who attend the Program,” said Lukins after hearing of her nomination.

“Being a former school teacher, I would enjoy the classroom and the volunteer aspect to learn more about the capital and the federal government. Having the



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opportunity to be a mentor and an example of what the government has to offer to the youth of today would be an honor and a privilege.”

Lukins was chosen from a pool of more than 500 applications. Selections are based on the candidate’s professional experience, ability to work with people of all ages, and understanding of the Presidential Classroom’s mission.

FISC Commander visits DDSI

The Commander, Fleet Industrial Supply Centers (COMFISC) Rear Admiral William Kowba, SC, USN, recently visited the Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy (DDSI), where he was provided an overview of DDSI operations and updates on key focus areas including a partnership with FISC and customer support initiatives.



From left to right: DDSI Commanding Officer CAPT (Sel) John Camuso, FISC Sigonella Commanding Officer CAPT Philipp Valenti, FISC Commander RADM Bill Kowba, Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella Supply Officer CDR Gary McIntosh, DDSI Operations Officer LT Robert Alexander, DDSI Deputy Commander Denise Cordeiro, NAS Sigonella Air Terminal Manager Larry Nickerson, DDSI Warehousing Work Leader Santo Scuderi, FISC Sigonella Customer Service Officer LT Dan Bessman, NAS Sigonella Air Terminal Officer LT Marc Davis.