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DLA's Crosson awarded DLA Meritorious Civilian Service Award

New Cumberland, Pa. (August 31, 2010) – Marian Crosson, director of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia's Bahrain detachment, has been awarded the Defense Logistics Agency's second highest honorary recognition for civilian employees for her role in operating the facility since its stand-up in December 2008.

Her drive, professionalism and personality gained her immediate respect in the Naval Support Activity Bahrain community, allowing her to establish key relationships required to assimilate the organization into the host-base community. She readily took on a \$500,000 full-facility renovation project to ready the detachment for future operations, serving as the critical eyes and ears for coordination between DLA project planners, Naval Facilities engineers and the contracted construction team.

The facility recently celebrated a ribbon cutting to recognize its increased capacity to facilitate materiel moved from the Kuwait center, which will ultimately improve service to local Navy customers, which include over 130 supported commands and home-ported ships.

The Bahrain detachment mission is to maintain forward positioned stock and provide multi-modal distribution services to US Naval Forces Central Command and Combined Maritime Forces operating in the Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility.

The facility is a detachment of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia. DLA Distribution Kuwait's primary mission is to provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility.

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A native of Steelton, Pa., Crosson is a combat veteran that enjoyed a 20-year career in the Ordnance Corps with the United States Army. Key assignments include deputy director, Directorate of Instruction, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; 2d Infantry Division Materiel Management Center chief, Camp Casey, Korea; deputy commander, 501st Corps Support Group, 19th Theater Army Area Command, Camp Red Cloud, Korea; and adjutant, 224th Forward Support Battalion, 24th ID during Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq. She retired from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 1 2000.

She began her civil service career in May 2002 as a strategic plans representative, Strategic Plans, DLA Distribution.

Crosson earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and Master of Arts degree in Organization and Personnel management from Central Michigan University.

In addition to numerous military awards and decorations, Crosson has been awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award for her accomplishments in Kuwait.

DLA Distribution offers best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DLA Distribution operates a global network of 25 distribution centers that employ over 10,000 employees worldwide. DLA Distribution is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

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