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DLA's Macdonald awarded Military Recognition Program's Field Grade Officer of the quarter

New Cumberland, Pa., (June 23, 2010) – The Defense Logistics Agency has announced the winners of the Military Recognition Program for the second quarter of fiscal year 2010. United States Navy Lt. Cmdr. Steven Macdonald, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., or DDSP, Base Realignment and Closure project officer, was awarded in the Field Grade Officer category.

A dynamic leader, Macdonald is responsible for the space optimization at DDSP, to improve storage efficiency and prepare room for materiel currently being transferred to DDSP from the field depots as part of Base Realignment and Closure 2005 recommendations. He aggressively plotted a course for DDSP to accomplish creating room for this material through 41 projects to generate 4.41 million cubic feet of storage space. Due to his tenacity in ensuring that no obstacle would impede mission success, two larger projects completed construction in the second quarter, and a very complex obstruction removal and space renovation design were finalized.

A native of Arlington, Va., Macdonald enlisted in the Navy in 1985. Upon completion of his initial enlisted commitment, he transferred to the Naval Reserve. He graduated from The University of Texas at Arlington, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Public Relations in 1993. In 1996, he was commissioned an Ensign in the Supply Corps, United States Naval Reserve.

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He was recalled to active duty during Operation ALLIED FORCE in 1999 and served as the Assistant Logistics Officer, Commander for Air Mediterranean, Naples, Italy. He then requested orders to stay on active duty and served as Stock Control Officer and Customer Service Officer, USS Emory S. Land homeported in La Maddalena, Italy.

Promoted to Lieutenant in September 2000, Macdonald reported to PEO Submarines, Naval Sea Systems Command in May 2002 and was assigned to the Virginia Submarine Program as Assistant Financial Officer. He was responsible for Congressional financial reporting and documentation for an \$81 billion major weapon systems acquisition program. While there, he also completed Business Financial Management level II Acquisition certification and Program Management level I certification. He augmented from United States Navy Reserves to the United States Navy in 2002.

Macdonald relieved as Supply Officer, USS Porter on December 9th 2003 and extended his tour to make a Mediterranean deployment.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 2005, Macdonald reported to and earned a Masters in Business Administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. His degree includes a concentration in port and maritime management.

He reported to DDSP in May 2008 and volunteered to deploy to Taji, Iraq to advise the Iraqi Army at their national supply and distribution center. Prior to deploying to Iraq, he served as the site manager for DDSP-West, Mechanicsburg.

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