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Kenton, Ohio native receives 2010 NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award

New Cumberland, Pa. (August 18, 2010) – Mary Bunn, a Kenton, Ohio native and a 1973 graduate of Kenton High School, has been awarded the 2010 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award for her exceptional performance in promoting equal opportunity, diversity, affirmative action in the workplace and public service.

Bunn, a Supply Management Specialist at DLA Distribution Norfolk, Va., has been the key architect in the establishment of the Defense Logistics Agency's first depot-level Equal Employment Opportunity committee within DLA Distribution.

Bunn implemented key command initiatives that exemplified the highest standards and improved DLA Distribution Norfolk, Va., command awareness in promoting equality among divergent ethnicities and cultures.

As EEO committee chair, Bunn was instrumental in the promotion of a marquee hiring program that raised minority percentages in both non-supervisory and supervisory positions, the development and execution of diversity and equality awareness celebrations and events and her community outreach that promotes respect for the rights of all.

The NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award is named after one of the most prominent leaders of the Civil Rights movement. He became the leader of NAACP in 1955 where he fought for such important legislation as the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act -- A true pioneer who fought for what he believed in.

Recipients of this award are individuals who make a significant contribution to country, civil and human rights, race relations, equal opportunity, affirmative action, human resources and public service.

“Mary’s actions and contributions at DLA Distribution Norfolk certainly epitomize the ideals at the heart of this award,” said presiding officer for the ceremony, DLA Distribution deputy commander and Senior Executive Service member, William H. Budden.

Bunn is the daughter of the late Charles Davis.

DLA’s Distribution facility in Norfolk, Va., is one of 25 distribution facilities within DLA Distribution and has a diverse customer base, including ships - from aircraft carriers to destroyers to submarines - as well as major Navy industrial activities and shore establishments. Increasingly, the organization provides support to local Air Force and Army installations. The organization serves customers worldwide with particular emphasis on Europe, the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean, Southwest Asia including Afghanistan and Iraq.

DLA Distribution Norfolk, Va. receives, stores, and issues a variety of material. Material in storage is actively managed to maintain accountability and condition. The center also provides standard packing, specialized storage and hazardous material packing and shipping operations. It also interfaces with direct vendor-to-customer and local delivery services. In addition, the organization provides special services based on customer needs, such as packing and transshipment of radioactive and level one/subsafe material. Military operations are not the only recipients of its program of services, as a major stock point for meals ready-to-eat and humanitarian daily rations, DLA Distribution Norfolk, Va., is often called upon to provide humanitarian relief supplies in the United States, the Caribbean, and other countries.

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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.

CUTLINE: DLA Distribution deputy commander and Senior Executive Service member, William Budden, presents Mary Bunn with the 2010 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award.