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The entire DLA family sends

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Century

to our warfighters and customers around the world.

Spirit of giving extends beyond holidays

In the years that I have been associated with the Defense Logistics Agency—as the Director, as a DLA field commander, and in many relationships as an Army logistics officer and commander over the years—I have come to know well the many, many facets of this dynamic organization. Through *Dimensions Magazine*, work force briefings, and other communications channels, we work to share with you and inform you about these aspects of DLA. This issue of *Dimensions* spotlights an aspect of DLA that is very much a part of the fabric of our organization. In fact, it is so embedded in the DLA culture that we sometimes don't give it the recognition it deserves. I call it the "holiday spirit" of giving, but it is, in fact, part of DLA all year long.

Did you know, for example, that the Headquarters Chaplain runs a program to collect old cellular telephones for a Victim's Protection Program? Or that the Defense Supply Center Columbus was awarded a "League of Their Own" award by the Red Cross for blood donations? The Defense Supply Center Philadelphia-Europe donates computers to the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and Defense Contract Management Command members in Mesa, Ariz., participate in a "Good Neighbor Day" that involves the full range of volunteer activities. Add to those endeavors the response to natural disasters that our people always get involved in—from Defense Distribution Center truck drivers who volunteered their time and skill to deliver emergency food donations to Hurricane Floyd-ravaged communities in North Carolina to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service folks who assisted with victims of the Oklahoma City tornado. I hope that you will explore this facet of your organization in the special focus in this issue of *Dimensions*.

This spirit of giving among the DLA family is only one part of this great organization. Our people participate in exercises around the world—exercises like Bright Star in Egypt, ensuring that we are prepared to provide logistics support to the warfighter whenever the need arises. You work hard to develop outstanding relationships with vendors and customers, as evi-



denced by the Business Alliance Awards, also discussed in this issue of *Dimensions*. The celebration of DLA's 38th anniversary this year underlined the many activities and aspects of DLA over the years. You've all done much to be proud of and we've tried to capture it in this issue.

The next year will bring so many more challenges and changes to our Agency as we tackle programs like Business Systems Modernization, Strategic Sourcing, Organizational Redesign, Work Force Development, and Customer Knowledge/Focus—all the pillars of our DLA Strategic Plan. I look forward to working these issues with you and helping you transition to an even better organization. We have much to do in the New Year and the new millennium. With the magnificent history and impressive track record of this Agency, I know that we will continue to add facets that make DLA shine even more! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication in 1999. Let's make 2000 even better!

Henry J. Bliss





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Yesterday, as well as today, members of the Defense Logistics Agency family donated time, money and gifts to help those in need. From orphans and disabled children, to our men and women in uniform serving around the world, DLA was there.

From the Defense Supply Agency News, March 3, 1967:

(At left) Employees of the Defense Personnel Support Center, now called the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, helped by contributing to a Viet Nam orphanage. Brig Gen. John M Kenderdine, USA, DPSC Commander and Patsy Bates, a secretary in the Center's Office of Planning and Management, donate items of children's clothing and shoes to the Center's campaign to help the Kim Chau Orphanage, located in Viet Nam.



Then it was Viet Nam, today its Bosnia and Kosoovo, but DLA was always there for our Armed Forces.

From the DSA News Nov. 17, 1965

Defense Industrial Supply Center volunteers pause during their packing of paperbacks for our men in Viet Nam. *Left to right are:* Phyllis L. Campbell, Barbara A. Rose, Rosalind Douglas, Carol M. Lauff and Margo B. Langenbucher. More than 7000 books have been collected.





Director's Holiday Message

As the holiday season approaches, so does the end of another successful year at DLA. I am pleased to look back at the accomplishments of the year, and I take pride in the fact that DLA continues to better its position of supporting America's warfighters.

Our success is rooted in all of you, the military and civilian men and women of DLA. Through your dedication and sacrifice, we have been able to provide the logistical support necessary to give to this nation the greatest gift of peace for this special time of year. While I sincerely hope you are all able to spend this time with your families, I realize that many of you will not. I speak for a grateful nation when I say thank you for your dedication and commitment so we may enjoy the peace and holiday spirit of this time of year. I am confident that your devotion and spirit of sacrifice will carry us into the year 2000 with the capability to conquer the challenges we face.

I wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season and the absolute best in the New Year.

Henry J. Glisson