



DLA Troop Support

2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

MG Gavin A. Lawrence, USA

Major General Gavin A. Lawrence, United States Army is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame Class of 2023 for his outstanding mission support from 2019 to 2021. While serving as Commander, MG Lawrence's leadership and relentless pursuit of excellence led to unsurpassed performance in the most difficult of times.

MG Lawrence brilliantly managed then, five separate and distinct supply chains. While each had unique challenges and different business models, his ability to integrate and synchronize these organizations to provide efficient and effective support to both warfighters and Whole of Government partners, in the face of the COVID-19 global pandemic, was simply masterful. Laser focused on performance metrics, under his leadership, Troop Support amassed over \$19.1B in FY20 sales and ultimately grew to \$21.5B in FY21 sales. MG Lawrence's vision and leadership were the key factors preparing Troop Support for the unprecedented demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. He led numerous high-level engagements to acquire personal protective equipment items to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and was the driving force behind several multi-million-dollar contracts to acquire face coverings, gowns, surgical masks, and vaccines. He also led the charge to fill emergency orders for feeding isolated and quarantined personnel. These sizable requirements, including 750,000 cases of Meals Ready-to-Eat, 1.3 million commercial shelf-stable meals, and 22,000 modules of Unitized Group Rations, worth over \$100 million required urgent delivery to customers such as quarantined Navy ships and crews, forces stationed within and outside of the Continental U.S., and U.S. citizens via the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

MG Lawrence was a strong advocate for building the bench and workforce diversity. He pushed for targeted recruitment strategies that enabled Troop Support to meet and exceed Philadelphia Metropolitan Statistical Area participation metrics hiring employees of Hispanic, African American, and Asian ethnicities. He was also keen on "giving back" to the local community and implemented the Adopt-A-School Program with a local elementary school to not only meet the school's needs but have a meaningful impact on students. MG Lawrence also partnered with the Philadelphia School District to provide a paid internship program for high school seniors to gain federal work experience.

MG Lawrence's steadfast commitment to excellence, hard work and innovative leadership has left an indelible mark on Troop Support and the entire DLA enterprise. His leadership helped countless lives worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic and laid the foundation for the nation to rebuild from the catastrophic effects of the pandemic. MG Lawrence's stellar performance has positively affected the entire enterprise. Because of his efforts, Troop Support remains postured to continue its crucial mission support to the nation's warfighters now and well into the future.