

DLA Troop Support 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee MARA V. BAILEY

Ms. Mara V. Bailey is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame this twenty-ninth day of November 2016 for her outstanding federal service. Ms. Bailey began her federal career in 1973 as a bus girl in the cafeteria at the Defense Personnel Support Center and worked her way up the ranks before retiring as a division chief in the Construction and Equipment supply chain in 2011.

Ms. Bailey's accomplishments while serving in C&E are many, but what stood out was her commitment to serving the warfighter and helping to establish C&E's Marine Lifesaving and Diving Prime Vendor program. Ms. Bailey played a pivotal role in shaping the Construction & Equipment item planning division, providing direction in an ever-changing environment. She was also consistent in structuring the workload and metrics to support DLA's mission.

During her remarkable career as a supervisor, Ms. Bailey was inspirational to all those around her, both firm and fair, and always maintaining an uncompromising sense of integrity in the face of very challenging circumstances. She led a division of approximately 32 subordinates, supervisors and journeyman, in addition to mentoring 54 new interns. Ms. Bailey also exhibited unwavering professional credentials and outstanding performance, superior to that ordinarily found in her position.

Ms. Bailey's direct involvement in the continual growth of the workforce and programs throughout DLA Troop Support and DLA is evident in the numerous initiatives in which she played a critical role. She was a pioneer in the pursuit of meeting customers' needs and the development of streamlined acquisition techniques. Ms. Bailey's unrelenting service emulated the commitment DLA has to supporting the warfighter by any means, and her contributions have truly left a lasting impact on the agency.