



DLA Troop Support
2020 Hall of Fame Inductee
Colonel Donald Buchwald,
USA, Retired

Colonel Donald Buchwald, USA, Retired, is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame, Class of 2020 for his outstanding mission support within a military capacity from 2001 to 2005, and as a civilian from 2009 to 2016. Mr. Buchwald's innovative leadership helped shape the present and future of the Medical supply chain.

As an Army colonel, Mr. Buchwald served as Director of the Medical supply chain where he positioned the directorate as the leader of logistics within the federal medical community. Mr. Buchwald spearheaded the DLA Executive Agency Initiative in which DLA served as the lead Department of Defense agency for Medical Materiel Management, fundamentally changing the course of medical materiel acquisition for years to come. He established an aggressive and insightful business strategy to increase sales by delivering world-class service to 9,500 customers worldwide at cost effective prices.

As the civilian director of Customer Operations, Mr. Buchwald established critical strategic and operational partnerships, including the expansion of the Readiness Management System to incorporate commercial asset visibility, and the realignment of medical contingency "Warstopper" funds to bridge critical gaps between service requirements and commercial availability. He also expanded the Electronic Catalog Web-based Ordering System to ensure DOD priorities for delivery of medical materiel. These visionary changes paid huge dividends after September 11, 2001, as contingency orders became the mainstay of DLA's warfighter support to the warfighter, as America prepared for Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequent military contingencies.

Mr. Buchwald epitomized the qualities of a selfless leader as his mentorship helped shape current and future senior leaders within the agency. Mr. Buchwald's illustrious contributions to innovation and cost savings throughout the military medical supply chain have left a lasting

legacy within the Defense Logistics Agency, in support of the warfighter and the United States of America.