



DLA Troop Support 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee

GARY SHUTE

Mr. Gary Shute is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame this twenty-ninth day of November 2016 for his outstanding mission support from 1979 through 2013. Beginning his career as a GS-5 contract specialist in 1979 with the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Mr. Shute held 13 different positions, including customer operations manager, supplier operations manager and the director of supplier operations for two supply chains.

Mr. Shute culminated his career as the Clothing and Textiles director of supplier operations where he developed strategies to nurture a fragile domestic industrial base and ensure continued support of DLA Troop Support's customers. Throughout his career he embraced continuous process improvement, constantly looking at ways to advance processes, reduce acquisition cycle times to minimize costs, all while increasing effectiveness across the entire C&T enterprise. He set an example to be followed through his flawless presentation of facts and his ability to present solid and often creative solutions to complex issues.

Mr. Shute's knowledge, professionalism and balanced personality allowed him to lead a diverse workforce with great success. He empowered his subordinate supervisors, and acted as their mentor to assist them both personally and professionally. Mr. Shute and his staff supported the proliferation of uniforms and accompanying equipment beginning with three different military uniform items and accompanying equipment to at the time of his retirement, 13 uniforms. His team also developed contracts to support the spiral development of personal protective equipment in support of troops deployed in two major conflicts.

The continued viability of the C&T industry is a testament to Mr. Shute's foresight, imagination and hard work. DLA Troop Support is truly a better organization because of his contributions and commitment to America's warfighter.