



## Hall of Fame Inductees

### Navy Captain Paul M. Bland (RET)

is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame this thirtieth day of November for his outstanding mission support from 1996 through 1999. Captain Bland distinguished himself through his exceptional service as Commander, Subsistence Field Activities, and Director of Subsistence. During this period, the outstanding leadership and ceaseless efforts of Captain Bland resulted in major contributions to the national security of the United States. Under his expert guidance and leadership, the Department of Defense food service mission reached levels of support never before envisioned. Guiding an organization of more than 585 personnel with annual sales in excess of \$1.2 billion, he planned and directed the complete transformation of the worldwide DoD wholesale food distribution system from a depot-based system to a commercial-based Prime Vendor system. Savings in inventory, storage and distribution costs at the wholesale and retail levels exceeded \$300 million. Not only in food service, but re-engineering efforts in produce and operational rations completely transformed logistics support to the warfighter. Additionally, under his leadership the DLA Troop Support regions in Europe and the Pacific evolved from a subsistence focus into multi-commodity managers. Through his distinctive accomplishments, he culminated a distinguished career in the service of his country and reflects great credit upon himself, the United States Navy, and the Department of Defense.