



Hall of Fame Inductees

Tom Spera

is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame this fifth day of November for his outstanding mission support from 1968 through 2010. Mr. Spera retired as the site director, DLA Information Operations at Philadelphia, but served in many leadership capacities at the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, later DLA Troop Support, and at DLA Information Operations at Philadelphia. During his 42 and a half years of service, his career was marked by creating and managing change while demonstrating unrelenting commitment to protecting the integrity of the agency's information technology systems. Mr. Spera was the visionary leader in the transition from the mainframe and batch environment to an environment of networking, desktop/laptop workstations and remote access, supporting a workforce in the age of telework. Mr. Spera applied his broad technical skills to manage the Y2K initiative and fine-tuned planning capabilities related to this program. Consequently, DSCP made a seamless transition into the new millennium, with no mission degradation. Base Realignment and Closure decisions required Mr. Spera to effect the relocation of 3,500 users, combine two organizations, and support the reconstruction of the IT infrastructure for five buildings with more than 500,000 sq. ft. of space, consolidate two computer rooms with volumes of data, hundreds of servers and a complex telecommunication network. The end result was a seamless transition. Mr. Spera dedicated his entire professional career to the warfighter and distinguished himself in doing so. He transitioned through many years of innovation in the IT environment, while he adapted and changed as needed to be an exceptional manager throughout his years of devoted service to DLA.