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## Word Around Town.....

★ A Newsletter About DCMA Garden City..... ★  
Garden City, New York and Northrop Grumman Bethpage

## Our New Director!



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To the Men and Women of DCMA Garden City:

As you know, DCMA Garden City has just completed a resource review which established FY13-FY15 resource requirements for our organization. At the time of the review, our onboard end strength was 211 civilian employees. As the result of the review, 261 billets were identified as requirements for FY13 (a delta of 50 from our current onboard end strength). The largest increase was in the Quality Assurance area which had an increase of 16 billets. In addition, the team recommended organizational structural changes to first line supervisor span of control and increased focus on functional specialties in the areas of Contract Administration, Quality Assurance, Software, and Engineering/Program Support.

During the review 12 "observations" were identified which will require CMO corrective action (4 of which are already been worked as part of existing corrective action plans). These observations are opportunities for improvement, opportunities to make a great CMO even better. You are all true professionals dedicated to the support of our mission and the warfighter. By ensuring our nation's warfighters have the best equipment and services available, you provide those who fight for freedom the support they deserve.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been selected to lead this outstanding contract management office. I thank each and every one of you for your dedication and unwavering support to the DCMA Garden City mission. I look forward to working together with you as we strive to meet our Agency goals and exceed our customer's expectations.

Neil Mintz, Director

# Do you know how to get a Retirement estimate??



You may request your retirement estimate no more than five years prior to your retirement eligibility date. ABC-C will compute one retirement estimate per year.

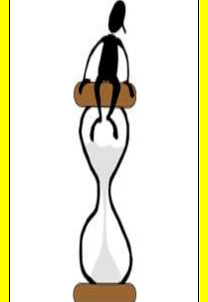
This retirement estimate will include:

Verification of your military and civilian service that has been documented in your Official Personnel Folder (OPF)

Calculation of the amount of civilian deposit and/or redeposit owed

The impact of unpaid civilian deposit or redeposit and military deposit on your retirement annuity

Confirmation of your current FEHB and FEGLI enrollment and your eligibility to continue these benefits into retirement



A retirement estimate can be requested through the ABC-C telephone system by pressing

"0" to speak to a benefits counselor. Your estimate will be calculated and mailed to your home address.

**another way to get an estimate...**

Another way to request an estimate, the employee should log into EBIS through the ABC-C web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> and click on the "HR LINKS" button. Eligible employees will be asked a series of questions pertaining to their retirement estimate request. Once submitted, the request will flow electronically to ABC-C where the request will enter a queue to be worked.

The completed estimate will be electronically returned to the employee's EBIS account and, similar to the system utilized by DFAS for receipt of leave and earnings statements, an email notification will be sent to the employee that the estimate is available in EBIS.

**It can take up to approx. 6-8 months to get the estimate!**

The **DCMA retirement page** <[https://home.dcma.mil/DCMAHQ/dcma\\_HC/dcma\\_HCH/dcma\\_HCHL/benefits/retirement.cfm](https://home.dcma.mil/DCMAHQ/dcma_HC/dcma_HCH/dcma_HCHL/benefits/retirement.cfm)> for civilian employees has been updated to reflect Retirement counseling information, retirement overview briefing schedules (click on VTT or DCO in the second paragraph), On-Site ABC-C Benefits/Retirement Overview, and Retirement Forms Preparation Briefings for DCMA employees. You can also find a link to the retirement page on the Human Capital homepage <[https://home.dcma.mil/DCMAHQ/dcma\\_HC/index.cfm](https://home.dcma.mil/DCMAHQ/dcma_HC/index.cfm)> , under "My HC Office" .....Best if viewed as HTML .....

Also, there is a new **ABC-C New Employee Orientation Briefing** <<https://www.abc.army.mil/NewEmployee/NewEmployeeOrientation.htm>> available to help new employees with their benefits information. A link to the new employee orientation is also available on the Human Capital homepage under "My HC Guides and Information".

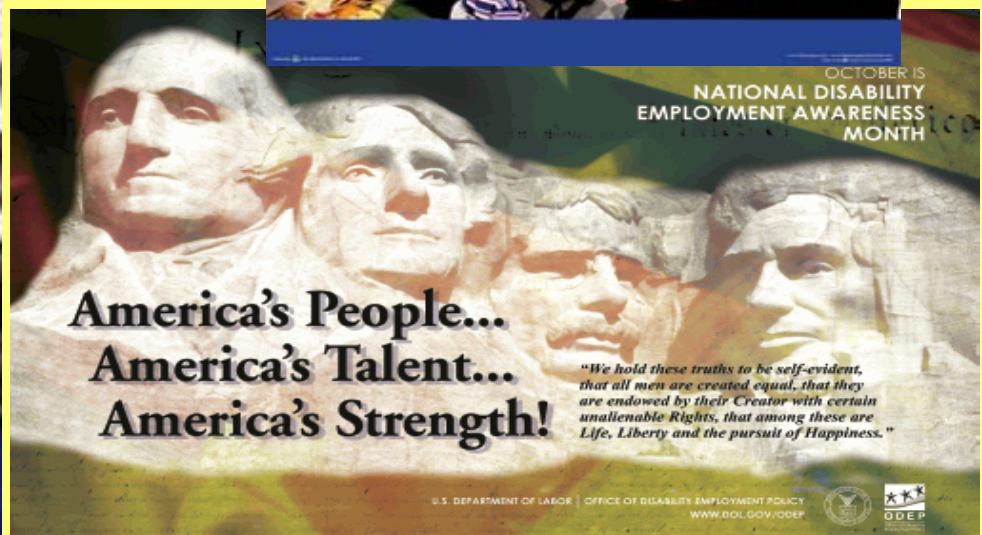
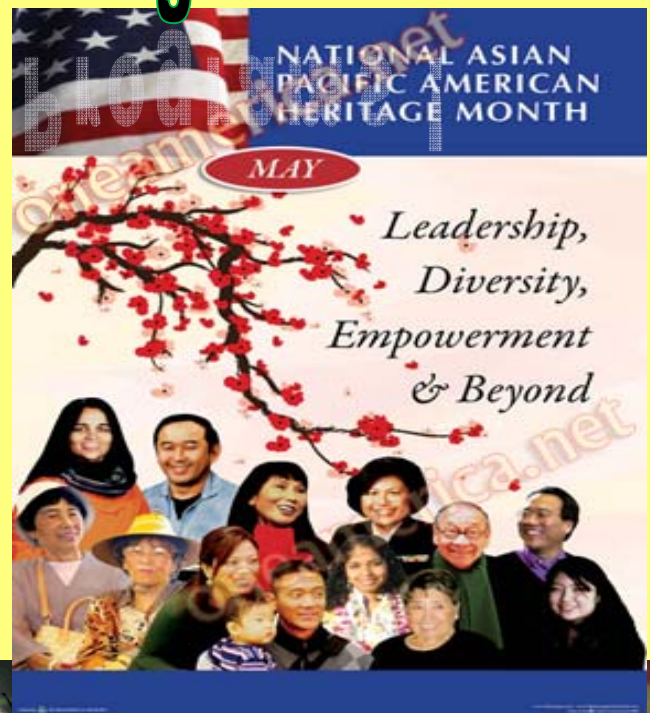
Thank you DCMA Garden City for being so generous at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) Cake Sale we held on Thursday, October 18th. Combining the sale with the Jeans Day and Pink Ribbons sold, we totaled **\$710.00** which will be sent to Making Strides in DCMA Garden City's name. ***I can always count on the "Best of the Best" to come through...Donna***

**MSABC Cake Sale!**

Thanks to the **New York Office** for their **\$50.00** contribution toward this worthy cause... It was very appreciated !!!!



## Commemorative Programs !







*Top row—Kevin Cox, Dan Kaiser, Rich Scotti, Vinny Zabicki .....Middle row—Pete Moran , Ed Set , Vito Dellegrazie, Pete Egry, Tom Cheshire and John Bagni ..... Sitting—Cissy O'Rourke, Dotty Fowler, Maryann Set, Cindy Morsi, and Pat Infante—*

Missing from picture is Tony Cuffaro, Bob Culver and Larry Zuckerwise

**The summer of 2012 marked DCMA-Garden City's 10th annual bowling league.** The 10 week event brought together a crew of 18 bowlers across the DCMA Long Island region and put them face to face in teams of 3 against one another. Unlike the Bed Rock bowlers who fought to achieve the title of House Champions off the Flintstones show, each DCMA team walked off a winner with portions of the bowling dues returned as prize money and with a lavish sandwich buffet after the last game. The mixture of talent amongst the players made each Wednesday night as unpredictable as the next.

Pete Egry, a recent Quality Assurance Representative retiree holds the title of Bowling Legend and is the man to beat with a record of multiple 300 games. Mary Ann Set, an Administrative Contracting Officer from the Bethpage office bowled a spectacular 6 strikes in a row which granted her the title of highest scoring female bowler in the last game.

The league is all about beating your own personal average and launching the stresses of work right out the door. New blood is always welcome and with the mentorship and advice from the other bowlers one can easily spike and improve their average by as much as 30 points. Until the next summer rolls around, bowl on DCMA-Garden City.

*Article by Cindy Morsi, DCMA Garden City*



Have something to say!!!!.....see one of the Committee members..... Eileen Kelly.....Inna Zumor.....Andrea Miller.....Michelle Busman-Baio ..... Michelle Varvaro..... Elaine Plant.....Marjorie Coles.....Justin Zaun..... or.....Jeff Yanofsky

Donna Idone





Walk To Wellness (Garden City)



# GE Aviation - C-130 Aircraft

During a recent **GE Aviation** Resource Day, *HC 130 Pilot, Jeff Cannet, Captain, NYANG 102 RQS* visited with DCMA Garden City **QAR, Walter Olszewski**. Captain Cannet has over 19 years of service which include 3000 hours as C-130 Aircraft Commander. He has deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



**Captain Jeff Cannet with QAR, Walter Olszewski**

Walter has been assigned to GE Aviation as the Quality Assurance Specialist for the past year. During that time, he has performed in-plant quality assurance on various Air Force platforms, including the C-130 aircraft. Coincidentally, Walter was retired from the 106 RQS in 2004.

## Renaming the street where Betty lives to Lt Col Ed Monroe Way



Betty standing in front of the newly named street in memory of her husband, Ed, with the Mayor of Freeport



# Award news!



## Promotions...



Mark Green

Cecilia O'Rourke

Justin Zaun Joe Sciascia

Joe Trivone

Alice Behnke Sui Chan

Bob Psinakis Martin Ellis

Megan Bachmann Joe Cox

Charlesetta Goode Martin Han

Qipeng (Vincent) Fan **AND**

Marta Akopyan



## welcome our new co-workers

Jim Mallilo Johan Dominique

Renaldo Malcolm Victor Medina

Jason Yabut Robert Guttman

David Wong LT Chris Culp, USN

Monique Palton Dan Kaiser

Rich Olness (Center) Joe Sferrazza

Kevin Gallagher

LCDR Doug Thompson, USN

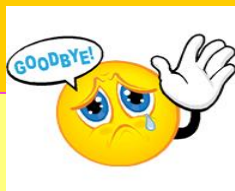
Ryusei Matsumoto

Isabel Roman

Welcome back.....

LT Jared SUBIK

from deployment



Good Bye.....Pete Duffy  
and Jill Nixon

## Peer Awards

Eileen Kelly

Patricia Murray

Justin Zaun

Arnold Eng

Great  
Job!

## Employees of the Qtr

**Theresa Mancuso**

**Joann Kai Jacqueline Martarana**

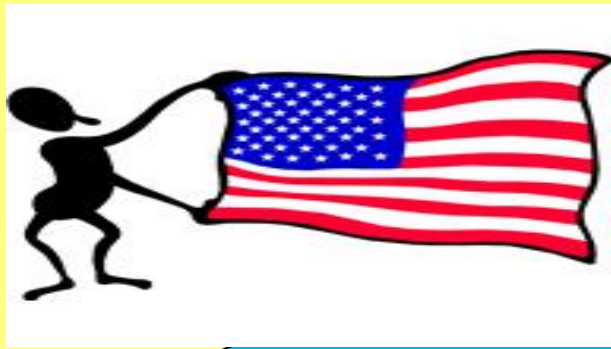
**Irene Eifu**

**Robert Psinakis Arica Rasheed**

**Sui Chan**

**Joe Landini Stanton Moore**

**Ghanem Tadros Frances Courtney**



**Jill Nixon's  
Farewell Breakfast**

**New Work  
For  
Garden City!**



**Jill Nixon**, Contract Price Analyst stationed at Northrop Grumman Bethpage, leaves us for DCAA in VA.

# Yoland Corp.

**Yoland Corp.** Is an expert textile-based manufacturer that serves the defense sectors as well as other

industrial & commercial sectors. It was established in 1999 in the USA as a subsidiary company to D. Yoland which was established in 1976 and is located in Israel. They manufacture & supply a variety of military related, textile-based products;

Variety of Illumination parachutes

Body armor : protective personal vests

Bags for propelling charges including "socks" (special and very flexible fabric) for mortar increment containers

Variety of military bags and pouches

Yoland Corp. has been working with the technical branch of the **United States Army** on improving the overall quality of various currently manufactured parachutes such as: Main Parachute - Drogue Parachute - 20mm Parachute - 60mm Parachute - 81mm Parachute

## Superb Quality

Quality assurance is one of Yoland's strongest points. None of the hundreds of thousands of parachutes that have been manufactured and delivered by Yoland have ever failed in operation; some of which were supplied in the war against Iraq. The quality assurance system is based on a philosophy of prevention and continuous improvement. Yoland's Quality manual and system have previously been approved by the United States Government Contracting Command at Rock Island.

Article by Carolyn Kirkland, Quality Assurance Rep., NY office

**Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday!**  
**Donna**





# FEHB Retirement Seminar!

**Ms Patricia Farrell, Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative**, who has been our BCBS Rep for the past 14 years, presented a Federal Employees Health Benefits Pre-Retirement Seminar to the employees of the DCMA Garden City office. Patricia gave us a very informative briefing on OPM, Medicare, enrollment and how FEHB works after retirement, types of coverage, as well as helpful resources to refer to.

Ms Farrell's Q & A session was very informative too, answering employees' one-on-one questions well after the seminar ended.

**Thanks to Patricia for a JOB WELL DONE!**

**Thank you!**



From Left to right—Iren Chen, Caroline Giglio, Jose Rodriguez, William Fluney, Sarah Binder, Sarah Baker and Chad Philip

Thank you for your warm support and donations for the Tunnel to Towers (T2T) 5K run on Sunday, September 30th. Team Marine and DCMA were able to successfully raise \$406 for the T2T Foundation.....

*Jose Rodriguez, Contract Administrator DCMA Garden City*

