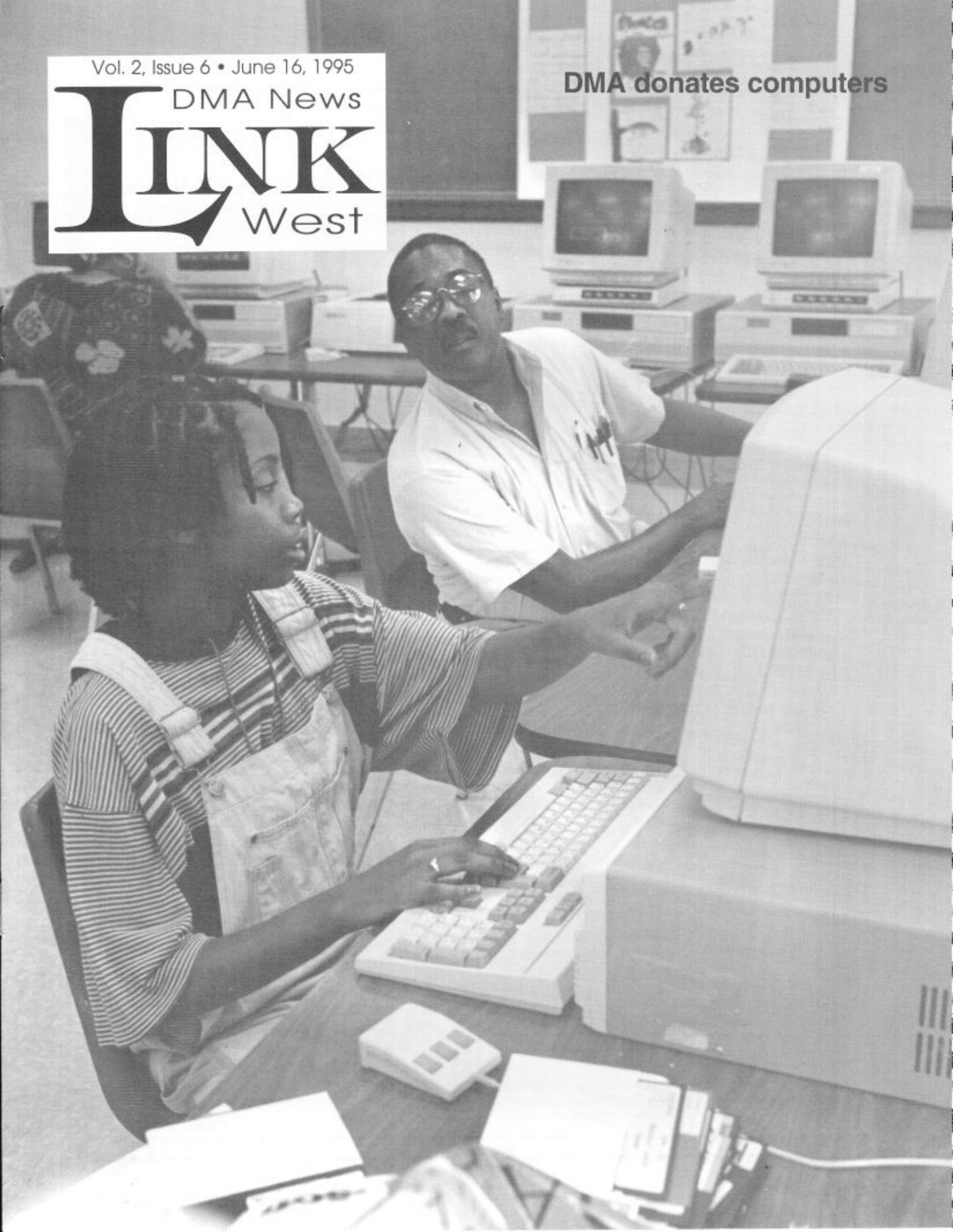


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Bits & Bytes

from the director

I have recently received many comments about DMA's Core Values and the interest that all of you have in ensuring we make them reality. I would like to make one point that I hope everyone understands; and that simply is: core values become reality when each of us lives and functions in accordance with those principles without thinking.

In the next few articles, I plan to relate my thoughts on the core values we are placing in our DMA Strategic Plan. First, let's look at "people who demonstrate pride, initiative, commitment, integrity, loyalty, and professionalism."

My views on "pride" are focused in two areas: pride in yourself and pride in your organization. I believe that it is very important for a person to look at how they perform and at the end of the day be able to say "I did the job the very best that I knew how



Air Force Maj. Gen. Philip Nuber

and I also took time to learn."

As an organization, we can contribute to this self-pride by making sure there are opportunities for education and time for physical well being, and by encouraging individuals to contribute to the pride in the

organization. We do this by believing that the organization gets better because of the people in it; people who have pride and all the other attributes in our stated "people" core values.

I know from experience that a team made up of committed people, who live these principles can really make things happen. I believe that today DMA has the kind of people I just described — professionals who are out front getting the job done (initiative) and who are proud to be a member of the DMA team.

April Promotions

The following people were selected for promotions in April.

Daniel M. Baker: RPE: Student Trainee (Visual Arts) to GS-7

Angela D. Blaylock: HRSE: Sign Language Interpreter to GS-11

Lisa K. McCurdy: DPPC: Computer Specialist to GS-9

James G. Reznicek: RPD: Personnel Management Specialist to GS-11

Faye E. White: LOTA: Management Analyst to GS-11

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COVER: DMA's Calvin Tillman has help setting up computers for Turner Middle School from ninth grader Aviella Moore.

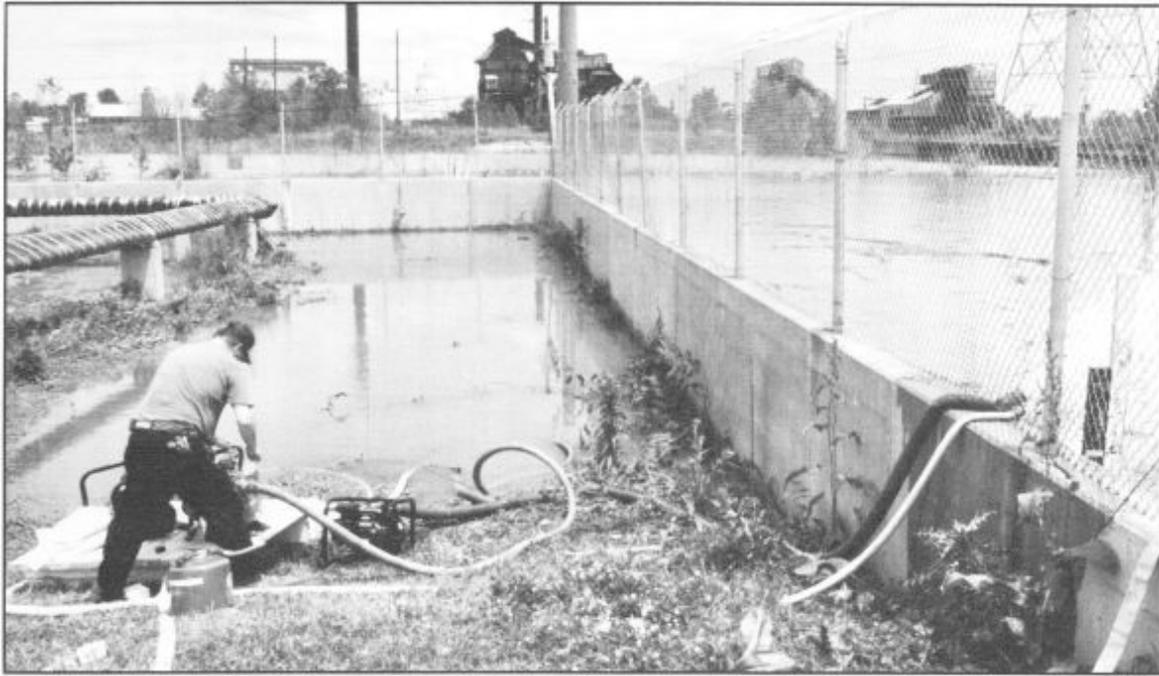


Photo by Jim Stepanik

"The EOC Flood Watch event lasted 15 days, from May 18 to June 1. Our plan called for the general evacuation of 8900 South Broadway when the National Weather Service predictions were 44 feet. But their predictions never exceeded 42 feet," said EOC chief Pat Satterfield. "The highest actual water reading at 8900 was 43.4 feet. The EOC spent many hours refining the evacuation plan and expected to take 48 hours to remove equipment, supplies and working materials if the order was given, with priority given to valuable reproduction material.
"Hopefully the next '100-year flood' level won't arrive for another 12 months."

CI deputy director retires after 30 years

The Defense Mapping Agency deputy director for Command Information, David L. Black retired from federal service June 3.

DMA Director Air Force Maj. Gen. Philip Nuber presented Black with the Defense Mapping Agency Award for Distinguished Civilian Service, recognizing his more than 30 years of government service. Black was cited as being a caring, dedicated and innovative manager and a public affairs officer of the highest caliber. "His wise counsel was invaluable to agency leaders and was recognized and sought by all," stated the award citation.

Black went to Washington from a position in St. Louis as chief of the Public Affairs Office at the DMA Aerospace Center. He began his civil service in 1968 at the U.S. Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, located here and later became the Aerospace Center.

Before joining the government, Black worked in radio at stations in southeast Missouri, where he rose from staff announcer to station general manager. He also served in the Army with Armed Forces Radio and Television in Ethiopia and Colorado. Dave was 14 when he gained his first experience in radio as a sports play-by-play announcer in southernmost Texas.

Under Black's direction, DMA consolidated its communications efforts into a single Command Information Office. As public affairs chief in St. Louis and later in Washington, he led DMA in exploiting computer technology for publications and graphics. He also directed the expansion of video production as a tool of command information. He was the senior advisor on public relations matters to four DMA directors.



Dave Black

Black and his wife Katie plan to establish their home in the St. Louis area. Their two children both live here.

DMA donates computers

By Donald R. Kusturin

Editor

As part of a continuing effort to enhance the education of St. Louis students, the Defense Mapping Agency donated 32 computers to area schools.

"These computers will be of immense value to the education of our students," said Turner Middle School's assistant administrator, Frank Washington.

"There are a lot of magnet schools in St. Louis," he explained. "I don't see why a regular school can't be as good as they are; and I think these computers are a beginning step to help us be that good."

Turner received 20 of the older IBM compatibles.

DMA employees donated their time and talents to install the computers.

"They just came down and did it," James W. (J.J.) Johnson, the head of the DMA project said of the employees dedication to the project.

"It has truly been a DMA-St. Louis agency-wide event," he continued. "We have people representing RC (Reston Center), SC (System Center), and AC (Aerospace Center) working to accomplish this."

The students didn't escape the work involved with the setup of the computers. Many were helping to install the software needed to make the computers of use.

"We have taken the kids with us to help load the software and to train them how to use the programs," said Johnson.

"We had a hard time determining the level of software that the students would be able to use," he added.

Many of the software programs were aimed at a younger

audience than the students, explained Johnson. By working with them, the DMA employees were able to match the needs of the students to the computer programs.

Aviella Moore a graduating Turner student said she didn't think the students would have difficulty in

learning how to operate the school's new computers.

"They're easy to use," she said.

She had first-hand knowledge being one of the students chosen to assist in the installation.

The DMA employees seemed all too willing to volunteer their time in helping the school.

"It makes me feel really good," said DMA's Mary Burgesen. "It's like they've never seen a computer before."

She also said she thought the students would learn from the use of the computers, especially since many of the teaching programs are setup as games.

"They'll play on it all day long," she explained. "They love the math game."

The fact that many of the applications approach education in



DMA's Don McKay ensures donated computers are clean and clear for functioning.

Photos by Jim Stepanik



A Turner Middle School teacher and student marvel at the workings of their "new" computers.

ASPRS holds meeting here

By George Lycett
ASPRS member

The St. Louis Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, ASPRS, held their second technical meeting of 1995 in the DMAAC cafeteria.

The ASPRS is a technical organization dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information about the applications of photogrammetry, remote sensing, and geographic information systems.

This meeting included the summary of technical papers which were presented at the 1995 ASPRS/ACSM annual conference in Charlotte, N.C. All papers summarized at the meeting were written and presented by Defense Mapping Agency employees.

The papers cover many topics: "Internet Access to Geographic Names (GEONAMES)," "DMA Evaluation of Russian Imagery," "DMA Vector Products," and "Using the Digital



ASPRS members watch a demonstration of Digital Point Positioning Data Base.

Point Positioning Data Base." Two demonstrations were also given; one on the utilization of VPF View, and the other on DPPDB.

The St. Louis Region also held its

Annual Installation of Officers June 9, at the Sheraton Westport.

Computers

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a game-like, easy to use manner will enhance how much the computers are used.

Don McKay, another DMA employee, said he thought it was a good way for DMA to give back to the community and a way to recycle useful materials.

"It's a new use for these computers," he said. "I think it's good for them and I think the students will learn a lot from their use."

Washington said that the computers will be a part of the students' curriculum.

"We plan to build classes around the computers," he said. "We will also make sure they have time to use them."

To ensure the teachers will be able to take full advantage of their new teaching tools the DMA staff will

provide additional support through teacher training.

"Next fall we will teach the teachers how to effectively use the computers," explained Johnson.

Some of the software includes: arithmetic, algebra, word processing, data base, and yes, even a mapping program, which challenges students to find their way down the Oregon Trail. Some of the software was donated from other sources.

The students seemed excited by the prospect of using their new learning devices.

"I think it will give better education to us kids," said 13-year-old, sixth grader, Jamaal Gross. "It will help keep us out of trouble."



DMA's Mary Burgesen watches over a Turner Middle School student in the use of a DMA donated computer

Reading program takes summer break

By Donald R. Kusturin
Editor

The 1994 - 1995 school year ended recently and with it ended DMA's Reading Connection Program.

The reading program is part of a combined effort known as the Partnership in Education between DMA and the St. Louis Board of Education, where groups of DMA employees go to participating schools and read to elementary students.

Once the idea was agreed upon, the program was designed by DMA's Chris Reed and Ben Dawson. It was then a matter of getting volunteers.

"I first heard about it in a staff meeting," explained volunteer, Stephanie Moses. "It sounded interesting, so I decided to investigate."

"To start the program, several representatives from the St. Louis Public Schools presented a program for DMAAC volunteers," she added. "The program was informative and provided helpful tips about the school children and how to read to them."

The volunteers were organized into ten small groups, one for each teacher and having no more than four volunteers assigned to a group, for 45 minutes of reading each week, according to Dawson.

Creating these small groups allowed each of them to better divide the reading times to fit the needs of the members. Many groups had members take one week per member.

The volunteers expressed their appreciation for the program.

"My sister was a first grade teacher who's favorite experience was teaching children to read. She took a keen interest in her students," said Brenda Walsh. "When my son was born she presented him an original book on the occasion of his birth-'Welcome To The World'. She continually shared her enthusiasm for reading with my son and encouraged him in his school

assignments.

"My sister passed away last year and when I saw the Reading Connection opportunity, I felt this was something I needed to do to continue helping children read," she explained. "So, I volunteered."

Walsh went on to say that she would encourage others to participate in the program.

"This past several months have been wonderful. The teacher and students have been very receptive, attentive, and appreciative of our reading efforts. It was great fun selecting the books to read and reading the stories."

According to David Kasich, "this year with the kids at Sigel School was very enjoyable. At first the children were very distant but as time went on they really became close to all of us."

The children were very excited to see the readers, he added. And the volunteers seem to enjoy it as much as the students.

"Reading was a rewarding experience for our team," explained Mae Worth. "The children were so happy to see us each week, and the teacher was thrilled."

Worth said she always knew if what she was reading was reaching her audience. "Kindergarten children say what they are thinking, we always knew if they enjoyed the book or not."

The volunteers tried to leave their students with something to remember them by.

"Our group also made an effort to supplement our reading with copies of a page of the storybook for reading,



Ken Barrows reads to Ms. Harper's kindergarten class at Sigel Elementary School.

carrying out a theme, providing holiday treats, fabric scraps, seedlings, puppets, giving books to the class and students," Walsh explained.

"On the last day our team read together," said Moses. "Each team member played a different character—we had a great time."

Worth's group took the children cookies and punch. "They enjoyed the 'Thomas the Tank Engine' napkins the most."

Not only was an impression made on the children but on the schools and the school board, as well.

"Since the program finished the last week in May, we have received many accolades from the St. Louis Board of Education, Sigel Elementary School, teachers and especially the students on how good our volunteers were this year," said Dawson. "Each volunteer received a Certificate from the Board of Education for their participation and the group leaders got a ceramic coffee mug. The program was so successful that the schools are requesting that we return for another year."

DMA-St. Louis Awards

The following is a partial list of March award winners.

Outstanding Performance Award

Armstrong, Phylis R., DPEC
Bircher, James T., GGAB
Birdsong, Orville D., DPAD
Bloomfield, Mark S., DPAF
Boever, James J., DPAC
Braunel, Rose Marie, RDR
Cejka, Patricia A., RDP
Cloninger, Richard R., DPAA
Copeland, Barrows Julie A., DPAC
Dougherty, Thomas A., DPEC
Duffy, Sherri L., DPE
Duncan, Donald R., DPEB
Ferguson, Craig A., DPAA
Fitzgibbons, Shirley A., RP
Fleming, Robert R., DPEA
Foster, Nancy J., DPA
Gardner, Joan E., DOS
Goldman, Terry A., DPAD
Gruchot, Paul A., DPED
Gulley, Marlane K., RD
Held, Timothy, DPAD
Janson, Edward E., DOS
Lanham, Penelope A., RD
Leach, Kenneth R., RDRA
Less, Patricia A., DPAG
Lorenz, Gary L., DPAA
Ott, Steven W., DPAF
Paulton, David G., DPAA
Pedersen, Brian W., DPEA
Perucca, Melissa A., DPAC
Petrie, George J., DPAD
Poropat, Kay E., DPAB
Reinhardt, Patricia A., DOS
Ribbing, Bonnie S., DOS
Robben, Francis R., RORC
Sapcoe, James M., DPAA
Schlick, Daryl G., DPEB
Schlitzer, Frederick D., DPEC
Schoenbeck, Brenda J., DPED
Shepard, Edwin R., DPAC
Simmons, Linda., DOS
Squires, Charles E., DPEE
Tidwell, Hubert C., PDRD
Van Cleve, Brad K., DPAA
Vandermeulen, Maryann A., DPED
Willman, Larry W., DPPB

Performance Award

Ahrens, Robert J., RDRB
Amsden, Stephen C., RDRB
Anglin, Jo Ann M., RDRE
Armstrong, Phylis R., DPEC

Bauer, Juliet L., RDR
Bednar, Timothy G., DPAG
Berge, Rick D., DPEC
Bircher, James T., GGAB
Birdsong, Orville D., DPAD
Birkhead, Harold D., DPEC
Biscan, James C., DPEC
Bloomfield, Mark S., DPAF
Boever, James J., DPAC
Bonucchi, Marion G., DPAE
Bowers, Gail D., DOS
Boyd, Grace A., RD
Braden, Evelyn J., DOS
Braunel, Rose Marie, RDR
Brown, Gail P., RDRB
Bush, Donald C., DPAB
Callahan, Michael P., RDRB
Cejka, Patricia A., RDP
Cloninger, Richard R., DPAA
Copeland, Barrows Julie A., DPAC
Crouch, James K., DPAB
Dase, Dale M., RDRE
Dougherty, Thomas A., DPEC
Dowdell, Richard Wodtke, SDAE
Duffy, Sherri L., DPE
Dumey, Dennis E., RDRB
Duncan, Donald R., DPEB
Duncan, William M., DPAB
Earl, Michael W., DPAG
Egan, Richard A., DPAE
Elmore, Jeffrey Alan, DPAA
Ferguson, Craig A., DPAA
Fiedler, William J., DPEB
Fisher, Janette, GGA
Fitzgibbons, Shirley A., RP
Fleming, Robert R., DPEA
Foster, Nancy J., DPA
Franklin, Zachary, RDRB
Gardner, Joan E., DOS
Godar, Leslie J., DPAC
Goldman, Terry A., DPAD
Gray, Frank E., RDRA
Gruchot, Paul A., DPED
Gulley, Marlane K., RD
Haight, Richard M., DPAE
Hall, Kerry J., DPEC
Harwell, Diana C., RDP
Hawk, Sharon H., DPEA
Held, Timothy, DPAD
Henke, Ronald E., DOS
Hicklin, Sheree L., DOS
Hines, Susan A., DPEC
Holubeck, Bruce W., RDRB
Huffman, Richard C., DPAA

Hyatt, Jo Ann, RDP
Joanson, Edward E., DOS
Johnson, Doyle H., DPAA
Johnson, Eliza, DPAE
Jordan, Dwayne J., DPAG
Kenyon, Mary Jane, DPEA
Kerins, John M., DPAD
Klipfel, Robert E., RDRB
Kluth, Steven E., DPAG
Kluthe, Sherry M., RDP
Koepp, Vincent L., DPAG
Kostka, Del C., DPAE
Krener, Harold L., DOS
Lachance, Laura J., RDR
Lachance, Robert S. Jr., DPAG
Lanham, Penelope A., RD
Lauer, Ray D., DPAB
Leach, Kenneth R., RDRA
Leath, Stephen L., DPED
Less, Patricia A., DPAG
Logterman, Robert L., DPEC
Lorenz, Gary L., DPAA
Luebbert, Francis L., DPEB
Lynch, Douglas A., DPBC
Maxwell, Randal C., DPAF
Mcspadden, Rex A., DPAE
Mcveigh, William T., DPEB
Miller, Jeffrey D., RDRE
Moad, Woodrow W., DOS
Morgan, Larry D., RDRB
Moss, John A., DPEA
Murray, James M., DPAC
Nauman, Thomas A., RDRE
Nixon, Ralph C., DPAF
Ofstedal, Marc A., DPED
Ostendorf, Guenther A., DPBC
Ott, Steven W., DPAF
Paulton, David G., DPAA
Pedersen, Brian W., DPEA
Perucca, Melissa A., DPAC
Peterson, Charles G., DPAG
Peterson, James G., RDRB
Petrie, George J., DPAD
Pezold, Denise E., DPT
Phillips, Mary A., DPAG
Poropat, Kay E., DPAB
Preheim, Vincent J., DPBG
Reinhardt, Patricia A., DOS
Remmler, Richard A., DPEA
Ribbing, Bonnie S., DOS
Riefle, Mary Ann, DOS
Riis, Edwin R., DPED
Robben, Francis R., RDRB
Robinson, Brandon R., DPAA
Sapcoe, James M., DPAA
Schlick, Daryl G., DPEB

Director's Awards

Benjamin Dawson, of the Digital Products Department, was recently named the first



quarter 1995 DMAAC Image Award winner.

Dawson showed leadership in regards to the Partnership in Education sponsored by DMAAC and the St. Louis Public Schools.

Joyce Forbes of the Mapping and Charting Department was named the DMAAC Supervisory Director's Award



winner for the first quarter of 1995.

Forbes, a supervisory cartographer, directed two special production teams in the completion of three projects within the Feature Extraction Area during the time period which she is being recognized.

The three projects, which were testbeds to prepare for the future, were Bright Star, and two city graphics.

Eight, 1:100,000 Topographic Line Maps and two, 1:250,000 Joint Operation Graphics - Airs were requested on a tight deadline for the Central Command exercise. Forbes ensured the delivery of these items.

The first city graphics provided a challenge because it was the first to be collected on the Feature Extraction System. Forbes took a proactive response to the challenge of establishing new guidelines and procedures.

The successful completion of the

Freetown, Sierra Leone, city graphic led to a jumpstart on the completion of a second of Bujumbura, Burundi.

Neal Thompson of the California Survey Division was selected as the DMAAC Nonsupervisory Director's



Award recipient for the first quarter of 1995.

Thompson was recognized for his effort in the completion of the historic Weapon Systems Photo Point Upgrade, the Digital Point Positioning Data Base and other projects.

These geodetic stations will be used to evaluate the Tri-Service Stand-off Attack Missile, the Aerospace Center's Point Position Data Bases, the Air Force's F-117A Stealth Fighter, B-2 Stealth Bomber, and the B-1 Strategic Bomber.

The newly developed techniques in Global Positioning System data reduction, and adjustment will be beneficial throughout the department in supporting future Department of Defense and Defense Mapping Agency programs.

FEB Awards

The following are DMA's winners for the 1995 St. Louis Federal Executive Board Awards.



Pilot Team Production
"Outstanding Team Performance"



Jacquelyn Hopkins
"Outstanding Manager"



Gloria J. Mundy
"Outstanding Secretarial/ Clerical Employee"

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