

DCMA SE employees sit down for basketball with Wounded Warriors

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Members of the Warrior Transition Unit at the U.S. Army Garrison had no problem taking on the challenge of playing wheelchair basketball recently with some Defense Contract Management Agency Southern Europe personnel.

“I was able to attend my first event in July and had such a great time getting to know the WTU members and playing a very challenging game. I knew I had to get other coworkers involved,” remarked Heath Callithen, who coordinated DCMA SE’s involvement in the game.

Mark Bennington was one of the first to volunteer to join in the fun at the garrison’s fitness center.

“Man, it was fun, but I hurt!” Bennington said.

Event organizers, the American Red Cross and the WTU, thanked Army Maj. Robert McDonald; Air Force Capts.

Jessica Greathouse and Michael Gentry; and Callithen and Bennington for participating.

“These wounded warriors are American heroes, and it was an honor spending part of my day with them,” McDonald said.

DCMA SE personnel are looking forward to the next challenging game with WTU members.


“It was a great event for a great cause. Giving back to the Wounded Warriors who sacrificed so much for our country is one of the most rewarding things any of us can do,” Gentry said.

The U.S. Army established WTUs at major military treatment facilities located around the world, according to the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command. WTUs provide personal support to wounded soldiers who require rehabilitative care and complex



Warrior Transition Unit members at the U.S. Army Garrison in Wiesbaden, Germany, and Defense Contract Management Agency Southern Europe employees enjoy a game of wheelchair basketball.

medical management.

A WTU closely resembles a “line” Army unit, with a professional cadre and integrated Army processes. This builds on the Army’s strength of unit cohesion and teamwork so wounded soldiers can focus on healing to transition back to the Army or to civilian status. 

DCMA Garden City adds value to value stream mapping

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Two Defense Contract Management Agency Garden City employees joined with Navy and contractor representatives in an event last month designed to improve engineering processes on the Trident Navigation Subsystem.

DCMA Garden City’s Stanton Moore, program integrator, and Kit Chang, engineer, represented the contract management office’s Trident Navigation Subsystem Program Support Team as participants in the Lockheed Martin Mission System & Sensors, or MS2, Lean Value Stream Mapping event. The week-long project analyzed the subsystem design engineering process, looked for possible improvements, and developed an action plan to achieve an improved future state.

The group briefed Lockheed Martin MS2 management and representatives from Navy Strategic Systems Programs SP-24 technical branch at the conclusion of the event. Engineers from the two

organizations and from the Navy Program Management Office Shipboard Systems also attended the briefing.

The presentation included numerous recommendations for improvement, including those to increase the quality and accuracy on a single-pass design effort, eliminate non-value added steps, improve communication and implement additional training on the design modeling tools.

The DCMA participants said their efforts were appreciated by all stakeholders. Participation in this event demonstrated commitment to providing acquisition insight and independent analysis and assessment of contractor performance.

Lockheed Martin MS2 is the Navy’s prime contractor for the Acquisition Category I, or ACAT I, Trident Navigation Subsystem, which provides accurate information to select missile systems carried on Navy submarines. The DCMA Garden City Trident PST supports



A joint Value Stream Mapping team stands in front of a project designed to analyze and improve the engineering process of a navigation subsystem. The group includes representatives from the Navy and the subsystem’s prime contractor, as well as Kit Chang (second from left) and Stanton Moore (second from right) from Defense Contract Management Agency Garden City. (Photo courtesy of Felix Filanowicz, Lockheed Martin)

numerous aspects of the program in accordance with DCMA Major Program Support Policy, contract management requirements, and the interface guidelines document. 