

My DCMA Spotlights



"I ensure that the team is communicating effectively with our government customers in relation to diminishing manufacturing sources, deficiency reporting, and non-conforming material issues related to the C-130J Super Hercules and P-3 Orion aircraft."

- Corey Scott, Sustainment Engineering and Technical Pricing Support team lead at DCMA Lockheed Martin Marietta in Georgia



"I would have to say that one of the greatest things about DCMA is that I have had the opportunity to travel, which has led me to meet my co-workers from our offices around the Pacific. Those face-to-face meetings allowed our working relationships to grow."

- Sandy Binny, executive assistant at DCMA's International's Pacific office



"I have a direct impact on the quality of products that end up in the hands of the warfighter. After previously serving in the Marine Corps, I understand the importance of getting products to our troops at the right time and for those items to operate in the way they are intended."

- Kelly Fender, quality assurance specialist with DCMA Atlanta based in Greenville, South Carolina



"DCMA is important to America's warfighters because we are the eyes and ears for DoD. It is this pride that motivates me to gain more experience in the defense acquisition area. We all know our overall efforts help our armed forces to serve and protect our country."

- John Yeban, Keystone team member and industrial specialist at DCMA Hampton based in Richmond, Virginia

'I believe in protecting those who protect us'

My DCMA offers glimpse at why 'we' serve

By Thomas Perry, DCMA Public Affairs

The My DCMA initiative affords the Defense Contract Management Agency's experienced and diverse acquisition professionals an opportunity to share their stories of warfighter support. Team members discuss their roles within the agency's mission, why they enjoy their jobs, how their efforts impact America's warfighters and much more.

Featured in this edition is Priya Babu, an Industrial Analysis Group engineer located in Philadelphia.

"I provide actionable acquisition insight to Department of Defense I visit, identifying any production and manufacturing risks and issues, then providing findings and recommendations to senior leaders. Our

team provides unwavering warfighter support by analyzing the defense industrial base to ensure that the necessary supply chain is available to produce the products required by the DoD.

"I like working at DCMA because I know that every day I am working toward improving the life of our warfighters. I am the independent eyes and ears for DoD because my job requires me to perform assessments at facilities across the country with respect to their capability to produce the products our warfighters require."

What is the most challenging aspect of serving in your current position?

PB: The most challenging aspect of my current position is gaining a

complete understanding of the defense industrial base supply chain and identifying the risks within it.

How many years have you been with the agency?; and what has been your most rewarding experience?

PB: I have been with DCMA for five years, and I have been with DoD for 13 years. I have learned a lot while working for DCMA, which I will take with me throughout the rest of my career. At my current position, I have been able to work on a variety of projects ranging from radars to micro-displays. I really enjoy that variety.

Why did you choose to serve your country in federal service?

PB: I work for DoD because I believe in protecting those who protect us. Our warfighters make me feel safe, and I hope I can help them feel safe as well.

How did you become a subject matter expert within the radar portfolio?

PB: When I came to IAG, I was assigned the radar portfolio, which was a good fit for me since I have worked with radar and communication systems throughout my career.

What is one thing you would tell someone who knew nothing of DCMA?

PB: To somebody unfamiliar with DCMA, I would let them know we are the team that ensures our warfighters have the quality products they need to fulfill their roles.

Do you have any hobbies outside of the office environment?

PB: Outside of the office, I like to read, travel, cook, and spend time with my husband and children.



Priya Babu, an Industrial Analysis Group engineer located in Philadelphia.