

2014 DMSMS Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Ms. Christine Metz



Ms. Christine Metz, Chief Technical and Quality Division, DLA Headquarters, was selected for the DMSMS Lifetime Achievement Award for her exceptional leadership in support to the DoD DMSMS program.

DLA has consistently demonstrated excellence in supporting nearly 2,400 weapon systems, with its DMSMS mitigation inventory of over 15,000 obsolete stock numbers and 1.4 million consumable parts, valued at \$150 million. A key component of DLA's excellence in delivering combat logistical support to the warfighter is DLA's commitment to reducing DMSMS issues. Ms. Christine Metz is a pivotal leader of the DLA DMSMS team, playing a significant role in resolving DMSMS issues and significantly improving DMSMS management processes and effectiveness.

Throughout her assignment at DLA, Ms. Metz has been the driving force behind many of DLA's DMSMS initiatives. For example, she was the focal point for ensuring the inclusion of technical and quality assurance requirements, as well as requirements related to managing DMSMS issues, in DLA's Business System Modernization, which significantly improved the way DLA manages DMSMS issues, and in DLA's Enterprise Business System, which expanded DLA's supply chain capabilities. Ms. Metz also provided the leadership and advocacy that facilitated the adoption of GEM as the DLA solution to the microcircuit obsolescence problem, thus ensuring a continued pipeline of microcircuits to support aging weapon systems. Another example is her leadership in implementing DLA's counterfeit mitigation solutions and training more than 22,000 DLA employees in counterfeit prevention awareness. In addition, she developed DLA's comprehensive counterfeit mitigation strategy and its counterfeit mitigation policy, and she championed and implemented counterfeit mitigation tools.

Not only has Ms. Metz's work on DMSMS solutions significantly improved warfighter readiness, by either preventing DMSMS issues or resolving them for DLA and its many customers, but it has achieved significant savings, including an estimated \$1 billion cost avoidance and about \$14 million returned to DLA due to successful debarment actions.