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Murphy inducted as member of government's Senior Executive Service

CLEVELAND, MAY 26, 2009 -- Defense Finance and Accounting Service Director Teresa McKay formally inducted Thomas J. Murphy, a native of Chicago and resident of Hudson, Ohio, into the Senior Executive Service (SES) during a ceremony held May 20, 2009, at Defense Finance and Accounting Service here.

The SES is a cadre of civilian career executives responsible for ensuring that the senior management of the federal government is responsive to the needs, policies and goals of the American people.

McKay presented Murphy with an Office of the Secretary of Defense SES certificate, the SES flag and SES pin during the ceremony, in addition to paying tribute to his career accomplishments.

"Tom has earned the respect of many in the DoD during his short time with DFAS and I have great confidence in his ability. I am looking forward to the many ways that he will contribute to this great organization of ours," she said.

Murphy is currently the director of Enterprise and Component Solutions at DFAS Cleveland, a Financial Management Center of Excellence. Murphy directs a DFAS component staffed by more than 300 federal employees and an operating budget of more than \$50 million devoted to the development, testing and implementation for customer's Enterprise Resource Planning systems.

Murphy has been with DFAS since November 2007, entering as director for Component Solutions. He has 24 years of experience, most coming while in the private sector and before coming to DFAS Cleveland he was associate vice president of Strategic Systems Management and Analysis with the retailer *Things Remembered*.

In his remarks, Murphy explained why after so many years in the private sector he chose to embark on a journey working in government service.

"I joined DFAS because when I wake up in the morning I want to do work that makes the world a better place. And the work I do during the day and we all do during the day, by providing support to our service members allows for not only my family but yours to go to sleep at night knowing we are safe," he said.

Murphy holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Roosevelt University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society, and chairs the Relay for Life of Hudson, Ohio.

He has been married 27 years to his wife, Sue and they have five children.

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