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DFAS wins awards for communication excellence

ARLINGTON, VA (Apr. 26) – The Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently won two awards for excellence in communication. DFAS' newly designed corporate logo won an Award of Distinction while the DFAS Annual Report for fiscal year 2002 earned honorable mention in the international the 2003 Communicator Award.

"DFAS has a proud tradition of integrity, innovation, excellence and service," said DFAS Director Thomas R. Bloom. "These products, produced by our in-house corporate communications team, embody the very best of DFAS and contribute to our cohesion as one organization with one identity."



The DFAS logo symbolizes today's DFAS. The typeface conveys strength and forward motion. The star within the "D" recalls DFAS' military and defense heritage. The "check" spotlights a number of positive themes. First, it represents approval. Second, it connotes the successful completion of a significant task. Third, it symbolizes the core functions of DFAS from the checks and balances performed in accounting operations to the millions of electronic "checks" to deliver accurately and on time to DFAS' 5.7 million customers.

The annual report provides a 24-page overview of DFAS' success in providing best value for its customers during fiscal year 2002 and is available on line at <http://www.dfas.mil>. It details the key accomplishments of the past year and outlines how DFAS will continue to anticipate and meet customer needs in the future.

"Our team is proud to support DFAS' excellent financial and accounting achievements with communication products that are on message and professional," said Claudia Bogard, director of Corporate Communications.

The Communicator Awards is an international awards program founded by communications professionals to recognize individuals and companies in the communications field whose talent and creativity achieves a high standard of excellence and serves as a standard for the industry. There were 3,660 entries from throughout the United States and several foreign countries in The Communicator Awards 2003 Print Media competition.

Winners of the Communicator Awards come from advertising and public relations agencies, corporate communications departments, educational institutions, government entities, designers, writers, video production professionals, broadcast and cable operations, and other businesses and individuals throughout the world.

About DFAS

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the world's largest finance and accounting operation. In fiscal 2002, DFAS paid 5.7 million people, processed more than 11.2 million contractor invoices, made 7.3 million travel payments and disbursed more than \$346.6 billion while reducing overall costs to customers by \$144 million. For more about the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, please visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

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