



JAMES PATRICK DEMPSEY

Ms. Dolores Mancini, a senior colleague of James Patrick Dempsey, Class of 1970, at Fort Monmouth nominated him for this award and wrote the following, "Jim is a person who shuns the spotlight, never wanting to acknowledge his own efforts in successful endeavors... He epitomizes the Army values of honor, integrity, courage, loyalty, respect, self-less service, and duty."

Mr. Dempsey was a competitive student athlete and scholar who played soccer for four years in high school and went on to play the sport while in college. He was also a member of the high school basketball team for three years. This inductee of the National Honor Society served as President of that organization in his senior year. His stellar scholastic and sports achievements earned him the distinction of being recognized as an Outstanding Teen of America.

Jim received his Bachelor's degree from Morris Harvey College (subsequently renamed University of Charleston), West Virginia. He continued to pursue excellence and obtained a Master's Degree in Business Administration & Management from Monmouth University. Foundation President, Dr. Rob Coombs, explains that "every accomplishment cited by Ms. Mancini, represented a humble man of discipline and determination who simply worked every single day to be the best no matter what the goal or circumstance." Ms. Mancini's first hand observations led her to conclude, that, "Jim's strong family unity, devoted parents, and his stellar scholastic and sports achievements while a youth and student demonstrably served as a springboard to his adult activism and to his exemplary professional career."

His contact with Pt. Pleasant Borough classmates remains intact, due in part to Mr. Dempsey's participation in High School Reunion and Point Pleasant Panthers' Alumni Soccer Team planning, activities, and functions. This former member of the Mixed Chorus returned to Pt. Pleasant Borough high school this past December to join fellow alumni on stage to celebrate the

ceremony and tradition of the high school's 40th year repeat performance of Handel's Messiah under the timeless direction of Mr. Loren Donley. Jim's love for soccer continues; this avid runner also participates in a Men's Weekend Soccer League.

Mr. Dempsey began his Government career in November of 1974, with the IRS. He later transferred to Fort Monmouth, NJ, and in 1983 joined what was then known as the US Army Communications Systems Agency at Fort Monmouth. His quest for excellence translated into Jim's rapid and sequential promotions.

Mr. Dempsey is currently a Resource Management Officer, appointed as the Chief of the Business Management Division of the Office of the Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Switched Systems (PM DCASS) at Fort Monmouth, NJ, which means: Jim is a financial steward of government resources - (people, dollars, and facilities around the globe) - He ensures accountability, transparency, and audit trails of all actions. His accountability to the U.S. Department of Defense, gives him fiduciary management responsibility for a number of global Army programs. Jim's largest, the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, which engineers, designs, and implements Army information infrastructure worldwide, has a yearly average budget of \$275 million.

This year, his organization received an enormous increase in its mission, involving the Theater of Southwest Asia (Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan). Colleagues explained, "Jim has particularly shown his unequalled capacity for complex issues in resolving several very key monetary and contractual difficulties involving infrastructure required for the Global War on Terrorism. Through Jim's personal endeavors, and his constant awareness, - - our soldiers in the field -- have benefited from his dedication to acquiring and managing products, services, resources and tools which serve to ensure their safety worldwide." Mr. Dempsey's colleagues asserted, "His word is his bond. His devotion to his job, and his workforce, as well as to the Fort Monmouth community is an absolutely integral part of the organization's longevity, effectiveness, its impeccable reputation, and success."

Since 1986, he has been awarded twenty-eight (28) Performance and Special Act Awards, including a Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and three (3) Achievement Medals for Civilian Service. Ms. Mancini added, "Jim is not motivated by monetary gain, but by his personal standards and his work ethic, always functioning at an incredible intensity and always seeing things to completion." Mr. Dempsey touches many people's lives with his assistance, knowledge, guidance, compassion and leadership, but those who know him well understand that his center are his family bonds and family values, making his wife, Michelle, and his son, Patrick, very much a part of this nomination.