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**DEOMI STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS CHOSEN
AS RECIPIENTS OF 2011 BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (BIG)
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Two staff and faculty members from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) received the 2011 Blacks In Government (BIG) Meritorious Service Award August 23rd during the DOD Forum at the BIG 33rd Annual National Training Conference in Boston, Mass.



Mrs. Carrie Tillman, an Education and Training Technician with DEOMI's Research Directorate, and Captain Gary Richardson, an Equal Opportunity Officer from the New York Air National Guard's 174th Fighter Wing and an adjunct instructor for DEOMI's Equal Opportunity Advisor Reserve Component Course, received the award.

Mrs. Tillman is responsible for all administrative aspects of DEOMI student surveys to include monitoring a 360 degree feedback program (student>staff>student). Additionally, she serves as the Institute's test proctor for all cognitive testing of over 1,000 students annually.

Mrs. Tillman has distinguished herself by making significant contributions to her country in the area of Equal Opportunity, Civil Rights Programs and public service to her local community. She is the founder of the Brevard Space Coast Chapter of Blacks In Government (BIG). The chapter started in October 2009 with eight members and as of July 2011 has 40 active members.

Mrs. Tillman's career spans from Lake Placid Elementary School, Fayetteville, N.C. where she was a teacher's assistant and also the owner and operator of Shoes House Nursery and Pre-School. Upon a transfer to Europe, she served as a teacher's assistant, in the math lab for grades 6 through 8, in the Department of Defense elementary school in Vicenza, Italy. Her next career move was to Aschaffenburg, Germany where she worked as an education and training technician at the education center. Upon her return stateside, she began her tenure at DEOMI as an education and training technician where she has served with distinction for the past 17 years.



Capt. Richardson is a small group facilitator for DEOMI, as well as being certified on eight courses for platform instruction. He has been called on in the last minute to teach on the platform with less than 24 hours to learn the material and get pre-certified, and always receives the highest praise in feedback from the students. He has assisted DEOMI's Research Directorate with feedback during the Equal Opportunity Advisor Reserve Component Course Front-End Analysis and has been the lead adjunct faculty member for the last four classes. He has also recently been given the lead on the Air Force Service Specific (AFSS) training for the Air National Guard, participating in the re-write of AFSS curriculum now that

the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard have joined the active duty students in the longer Equal Opportunity Advisor Course. In addition, Capt. Richardson has also recently been requested to help in putting together the Air National Guard's Diversity Program while assisting the National Guard's Diversity Operations office.

Capt. Richardson has been a New York State Trooper for 19 years and he now serves as Station Commander of the SP Schuyler Barracks in Frankfort, N.Y.

“We are extremely fortunate to have staff and faculty members such as Mrs. Carrie Tillman and Capt. Gary Richardson,” said Mr. Ronald M. Joe, DEOMI Principal Director. “The pride and professionalism each of these people put into their work and volunteerism efforts is highlighted by these awards and we’re certainly very proud of both of them. Capt. Richardson also exemplifies the importance of our Citizen Airmen toward Total Force mission success.”



Captain Gary Richardson, a DEOMI Equal Opportunity Advisor Reserve Component Course Adjunct Instructor, receives the 2011 Blacks In Government (BIG) Meritorious Service Award August 23, 2011 at the BIG 33rd Annual National Training Conference in Boston, Mass. From left: **Mr. Philip Atwell**, BIG Region II Director/National Board of Directors; **Mr. John H. James, Jr.**, Executive Director, Missile Defense Agency; **Capt. Gary Richardson**; **Brig. Gen. Anthony P. German**, Chief of Staff, New York Air National Guard; **Col. Kevin W. Bradley**, Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, N.Y., and **Captain Kenneth J. Barrett**, Deputy Director, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity. (U.S. Army photo by **Staff Sgt. Jerry Saslav**, Massachusetts National Guard Public Affairs.)



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