

DDJC part of Professional Development for Ft Irwin Officers

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A group of 16 officers from the National Training Center (NTC), Ft Irwin, CA, visited Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) to see first hand how they are supported. The visit was part of their Officer Professional Development training.

The group received the DDJC overview and attended the stand-up/production meeting before touring the operational area. Among the stops were visits to the Unitized Group Ration assembly area, bin operations, the Freight Terminal, less-than-truckload packing, the hazardous warehouse, Consolidation and Containerization Point, and the high-rise clothing and textile storage. The tour concluded with a visit to Warehouse 29, where configured loads are built in support of the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams.

“The tour provided a lot of information regarding shipment and storage of items that we receive on a daily basis at the NTC,” said Maj Mario Matos, USA, Brigade S-3 (in-charge of supply and logistics), Theater Support Command, Ft Irwin.

“We were delighted to see how DDJC operates and how it directly affects the NTC. It was great to meet the people that are responsible for processing our orders and ensuring the item is packed and gets on the next truck out. We also saw equipment and operational measures that we can implement at the NTC,” said Matos.

“Our plan is to continue our partnership and coordinate another tour in the near future; bring some of our customers, so they can obtain an appreciation of what logisticians do in support of their effort.”

DDJC Inventory Team Leader Earns DLA Customer Support Award

Jennifer Bordenave, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) Team Leader in the Inventory Integrity Division, was selected by DLA for the monthly Customer Support Representative (CSR) Field Activity Recognition Award. The award recognizes a field activity employee who performed exceptionally in the support of a DLA CSR which resulted in improved support to a customer.

Bordenave, leads a three-member team responsible for the inspection, classification, and disposition of material suspected of having quality concerns. Recently she was involved in providing support to the CSRs and DLA Inventory Control Points in the suspension of Flight Critical Safety Items stored at DDJC.

“Jennifer’s exceptional logistics expertise contributed significantly to the immediate action to restrict issuance of suspected material (Flight Critical Safety Items),” said Jerry West, CSR at Lemoore Naval Air Station.

Recently Bordenave helped West with a fuel pump used on the F-4 Phantom, a fighter and the C-5 Galaxy, a transport plane. There was some confusion on whether a particular stock number was a bearing or a sleeve. The stock was manufactured by the same contractor in 1999 and there were some system reports indicating the contractor had put the wrong items in packages. Without the bearing the aircraft engine maintenance line at the Navy’s Aviation Depot, Cherry Point, NC would be shut down.

Upon getting the information from West, Bordenave immediately took action to have her staff go to the location and open 22 packages to verify down to the bare item, what was available.

“This process was accomplished in a matter of minutes and she provided the results of the inspection and digital pictures via email to Cherry Point and me,” said West. “Although the inspection verified what the packages contained, the timeliness was very helpful and allowed Cherry Point to take alternate action to obtain the critical parts.”

“In my dealings with Jennifer, she is consistently professional, courteous, helpful and responsive,” said West. “She is truly an asset to the DLA CSRs, Inventory Control Points, and her many customers.”



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