

## DDC Commander and Deputy Commander Honored DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MARTIN BESTOWED ON DDC'S "LOGISTICS WARRIORS"

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs

On June 2, 2004, United States Army Maj Gen. (Retired) Hawthorne Proctor, former Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistics Agency, made a surprise visit to the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Town Hall Meeting to present the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin to DDC Commander, Army Brig. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainey and Deputy Commander Phyllis C. Campbell, Senior Executive Service.



Proctor began his visit by first acknowledging the many great men and women of the DDC, "I am here today to recognize two of your great leaders, but first, let me tell you that we are indeed proud of your great service to our country in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. You have clearly gone above and beyond the call of duty You are doing the right things right, and getting it right the first time and the Admiral is proud of you."

Proctor



further said, "So it is indeed a pleasure to recognize the talent, support, caring and concern these individuals have for the Warfighter and the DDC team. So it is only appropriate to come back and give these two people the Distinguished Order of St. Martin.

Gainey and Campbell were called to join Maj. Gen Proctor center stage as Ms. Jackie Noble, DDC Command Affairs, read the order:

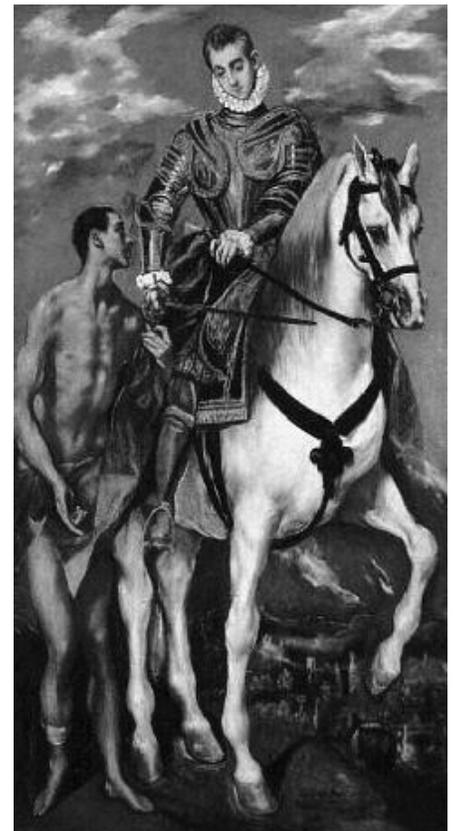
"To all Quartermasters wherever ye may be. Greetings! Know ye that there appeared before a most arduous and selective committee of proven Quartermasters, likely candidates for the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin. Be it remembered: that the hereinafter mentioned individuals have been inspected and passed on by ourself and our loyal staff, and, be it known by all ye Quartermasters who may be honored by these individual's presence that Brigadier General Kathleen Gainey and Ms. Phyllis Campbell having been tried and found worthy to be numbered as one of our trusty members, have been gathered to our fold and duly initiated into the solemn mysteries of this esteemed order of logisticians. Be it further understood that we hereby confer upon these individuals the shield of Saint Martin, emblazoned above, and enjoin all Quartermasters, henceforth, to show due honor and respect whenever these individuals may enter their midst. Given under our hand this 2nd day of June 2004. Signed: Scott G. West, Brigadier General, United States Army, the 48th Quartermaster General."

After the reading of the order, Proctor displayed the Order of Saint Martin Medal around the necks of Gainey and Campbell and presented them with the framed order.

Gainey, a member of the Transportation Corps, thanked Proctor, "This is truly



an honor Sir. These are coveted awards and to be outside the Quartermaster Corps is truly amazing." Gainey then turned to the DDC audience, "This is your award folks! All we did was provide the framework. It has been your blood, sweat and tears and



long hours. You cannot do it alone, and we could not have done it without your heart and soul focused on the Warfighter. HOOAH!”

Campbell acknowledged her achievement, “Yesterday, I started my 38th year and I really appreciate this honor, thank you.”

Saint Martin, whose name comes from Marten Tenens (one who sustains Mars), was born in Hungary during the reign of Emperor Constantine, and spent his early childhood in northern Italy. The Roman Army had a law that required sons of veterans to serve in the military. He was assigned to a ceremonial cavalry unit that protected the emperor and rarely saw combat. Like his father, he became an

officer and eventually was assigned to garrison duty in Gaul (present-day France).

It was on this garrison duty at Amiens that the event took place that has been portrayed in art throughout the ages. On a bitterly cold winter day, the young tribune Martin rode through the gates, probably dressed in the regalia of his unit — gleaming, flexible armor, ridged helmet, and a beautiful white cloak whose upper section was lined with lambswool. As he approached the gates he saw a beggar, with clothes so ragged that he was practically naked. The beggar must have been shaking and blue from the cold but no one reached out to help him. Martin, overcome with compassion, took off his

mantle. In one quick stroke he slashed the lovely mantle in two with his sword, handed half to the freezing man and wrapped the remainder on his own shoulders.

Saint Martin—the Patron Saint of the Quartermaster Regiment—was the most popular saint in France during the great antiquity and the early Middle Ages. It is said that French kings carried his cloak into battle as a spur to victory. Usually pictured on horseback dividing his cloak with the beggar, the image of Saint Martin as a Soldier-Provider offers a fitting symbol for Logistics Warriors charged with SUPPORTING VICTORY now and for all time.

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## Commander Dan Palko, SC, USN, Selected to Rank of Captain

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The Secretary of the Navy has selected Daniel A. Palko, Commander, Supply Corps, United States Navy, to rank of Captain.

Palko is currently serving as the Joint Logistics Contingency Plans/Operations Officer at the Defense Distribution Center in New Cumberland, Pa. His current assignment has led to two overseas deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he established the first ever Defense Logistics Agency forward distribution depot directly supporting the Warfighter.

With over 21 years of service in the U.S. Navy, Palko’s shore assignments include Supply Corps Officer Instructor, Navy

Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga.; Supply Officer, Commander, Submarine Squadron 14, Holy Loch, Scotland; Director of Distribution, Defense Distribution Depot Cherry Point, N.C.; Director, Submarine Customer Support, Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Joint Logistics Observer/Training Officer, Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.; Joint Forces Staff Liaison Officer, Joint Forces Command Washington Liaison Office, Washington DC; and Joint Logistics Contingency Plans/Operations Officer, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pa.

Palko’s Sea Assignments

include: Supply Officer aboard the USS Indianapolis (SSN 697), and SUBSAT/Stores Division Officer aboard the USS Simon Lake (AS 33) Holy Loch, Scotland.

Palko earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration - Accounting from the Bloomsburg State College in 1982 and a Masters of Science degree in Management - Material and Transportation Logistics from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1996.

His personal decorations include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Joint Meritorious



Unit Awards, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy “E” Ribbon, two National Defense Service Medals, the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the War on Terrorism Service Medal, three Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, two Navy Overseas Service Ribbons, the Navy Rifle Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and the Navy Pistol Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

Palko is a designated Submarine Warfare Supply Officer and Surface Warfare Supply Officer, as well as, a Joint Service Officer.