

Army Quartermaster Names DDJC A Distinguished Unit

Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) was recognized by the Army Quartermaster Corps May 13 as a Distinguished Unit of the Regiment. The honor was presented to DDJC Acting Director Dave Ennis during a ceremony at Fort Lee, VA., home of the Quartermaster Center and School.

The award recognized DDJC, and prior designations the organization held for the past 62 years, as an outstanding unit that made a significant contribution to the Quartermaster

Corps, the U.S. Army's second oldest service branch. The nomination for this award documents the history of both Sharpe and Tracy sites.

"The heritage and legacy of DDJC is a long and proud testimony to its worthiness for selection," wrote former DDJC Commander, COL Edward Visker, USA, in the nomination. "Since 1942, through many organizational changes, the depots have faithfully served the men and women of the United States Army. Throughout the years, DDJC and its predecessor organizations

provided whatever was promised or needed by our soldiers."

In 1942 the Sharpe site was officially designated the Lathrop Holding and Reconsignment Point. It remained an Army installation after several name changes until 1990 when it became a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) depot. The Tracy site was originally activated in 1942 also, as a sub-depot of the California Quartermaster Depot in Oakland. In 1946 it became an annex to the Sharpe General Depot. In 1963 it became one of the first depots assigned to DLA.

The Distinguished Unit of the Regiment honors DDJC's history of support, including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"The Defense Distribution Center San Joaquin is among the best in the finest traditions of the Quartermaster Corps," wrote BG Scott West, USA, Quartermaster General, in a letter announcing DDJC's selection.

DDYJ's Marcelo Awarded Joint Service Commendation Medal

Storekeeper First Class (SK1) Manolo S. Marcelo, SW, USN, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments in support of the Warfighter while stationed at Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ).

Serving as Emergency Supply Operations Center Material Expeditor at DDYJ, SK1 Marcelo processed and expedited more than 50,000 high priority shipments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

As Command Quality Assurance Supervisor, he

performed 100 percent inspection of more than 40,000 items including provisions and ship's store items. "Petty Officer Marcelo's meticulous attention to detail ensured that only the highest quality products were sent to the Warfighter," said CDR Kent Vredenburg, SC, USN, DDYJ Commander.

Additionally, SK1 Marcelo volunteered to be deployed to Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), one of DDC's two Strategic Distribution Platforms, to provide aid when DDSP's workload surged due to OEF/OIF requirements.



CDR Vredenburg, DDYJ Commander, presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal to SK1 Marcelo.