

DDSP's John Ewell Receives 2003 Quality of Life Excellence Award

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John Ewell, Post Restaurant Manager for Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), was presented the 2003 Quality of Life Excellence Award during the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) 37th Annual Recognition Program. VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN, presented a trophy to Ewell who was selected for recognition from among six installation managers of activities that generate income for quality of life programs.

In the 15 years Ewell has served as manager, the business expanded from four cafeterias and a mobile canteen located on one installation to a five location operation at two sites. In addition to serving the military and civilian workforce, he has acquired food contracts with local reserve units for weekend feedings at their training sites, troop feedings at neighboring military bases, and other non-traditional income-producing food services including banquets and luncheons. This award recognizes that while under Ewell's management, his facilities rank among the best in DLA for providing food product to its military and civilian workforce.

"I am glad to see John recognized for the efforts and dedication he has put into managing the Post Restaurants for so many years. Not only has he done a tremendous job but he shares the methods of his success with other restaurant managers in DLA so that they

can improve the level of service at their operations. This trait is commendable and benefits those beyond DDSP," said Herb Messner, DDSP Family and Community Services Manager.



John Ewell, DDSP Post Restaurant Manager, was recognized by DLA with QOL Excellence Award. From left to right: DLA Director VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN; Ewell; Defense Distribution Center Commander BG Mike Lally, USA; and Defense Distribution Center Deputy Commander Phyllis Campbell, SES.

Airmen from DDC's Joint Reserve Affairs Office Retire with More than 50 Years Combined Experience

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Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Joint Reserve Coordinator Lt Col Sterling Johnson, USAF, and Assistant to the Chief of the Reserve Affairs Office Lt Col Thomas Fisher, USAFR, were retired by DDC Commander BG Mike Lally, USA, in a December 2004 ceremony.

Both Airmen received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a DDC Commander's coin, an American flag flown over the Pentagon and the DLA headquarters complex and a silver letter from DLA Director VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN.

In the letter to Lt Col Johnson, VADM Lippert wrote, "Your

record in meeting the training requirements for reservists stationed at DDC has been outstanding, as well as your support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle."

VADM Lippert's silver letter to Lt Col Fisher read, "Your leadership in mobilization readiness for reservists made activation in support of these operations a smooth transition."

A letter of appreciation from the Department of the Air Force was presented to Lt Col Fisher's wife, Diane, for her support and understanding that made it possible for her husband to make lasting contributions to the nation.

Lt Col Fisher, who served more than 33 years in the Air Force, was the Assistant to the Chief of the DDC Joint Reserves Office from 2001 to 2004. During this time, he distinguished himself by obtaining air cargo personnel to provide workload surge support at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Lt Col Johnson served as DDC's Joint Reserve Coordinator since February, 2001, and he served in the Air Force for more than 31 years. His prior assignments include Lead Contract Specialist at Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCP); Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Transition Coordinator for Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny, PA; Contracts Specialist, Buyer for Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP); Buyer for Beech Aircraft Corporation; and Logistics Program Manager for the Air Force.

Billmayer, Elliott, Jacox Selected as Employees of the Quarter

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) recognized three outstanding employees for their dedication and professionalism by naming them as the DDC Employees of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005.

Andrea Billmayer, Automotive Equipment Repair Inspector for Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE), was recognized for her work in keeping more than 100 pieces of equipment operational. She keeps the fleet of materiel handling equipment in safe mechanical condition and ready for operation at all times. "Andrea's personality and team mentality make her an outstanding member of the DDDE team. She is Rock Solid... Solid as a Rock! Hooah!" said DDDE Commander LTC Doug Nomura, USA.

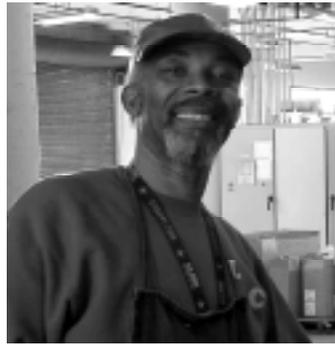
Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, GA (DDWG) Accountable Officer Corrine Jacox was selected as a DDC Employee of the Quarter for her accomplishments during DDC's



Andrea Billmayer, DDDE Automotive Equipment Repair Inspector, repairs a "Stock Chaser" used often to locate and pick high priority items.

first successful post A-76 contractor-to-contractor transition of distribution center operations. The transition posed unique challenges that Jacox overcame with her innovative thinking and commitment to success. “Her positive attitude and meticulous attention to detail ensured the project ran smoothly,” praised Col Joseph Uдеми, USAF, DDWG Commander.

Linwood Elliott, Packer at Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, VA (DDNV) received the award for his dedication to the customer by ensuring all freight is properly manifested and accounted for on the drivers’ bills before the trucks leave the distribution center. Loading an



Linwood Elliott, Packer at DDNV.

DDC Commander Commends Contractor for Continued Commitment

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During a recent visit to the Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, GA (DDWG), DDC Commander, BG Michael Lally, USA, presented a commander’s coin to EG&G’s Program Manager Danny R. Syhre in appreciation for his outstanding leadership at DDWG.

Syhre, an employee of EG&G, the contracted company that carries out the mission work at various DDC depots, was sent to DDWG by EG&G’s corporate headquarters from the Defense Distribution Depot Hill, UT (DDHU), where he serves as Deputy Program Manager of the contracted operation.

Syhre also served as the Commander of Defense Distribution Depot, Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) before retiring from the U.S. Army.

Although the contract for the mission work at DDWG was being re-solicited and eventually awarded to a different company, EG&G kept Syhre at DDWG to assist in making the critical contractor transition period as smooth as possible.

“Syhre’s distribution knowledges, management skills, and dedication to our Warfighters

significantly contributed to DDC’s first successful contractor-to-contractor transition,” said BGLally.



DDC Commander BG Mike Lally, USA, presents a commander’s coin to EG&G employee and former DDC depot commander Danny Syhre in appreciation for his assistance in DDWG’s transition to a new contractor.

DDYJ’s Sanchez Recognized by FISC Commander

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CDR Guy Sanchez, SC, USN, Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) Transportation Officer, was presented with the Joint Service Commendation Medal by the Commander of the U.S. Navy’s Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers (FISC).

FISC Commander RDML William Kowba, SC, USN, during a visit to DDYJ, presented the award to CDR Sanchez in recognition of his contributions as Distribution Specialist while assigned to the U. S. Central Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center (CDDOC), Sustainment Division, in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

“His analytical ability and technical expertise in the areas of distribution operations, joint transportation, and logistics were instrumental in improving the efficiency, speed and timeliness

of sustainment supplies in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom,” said COL Ed Visker, USA, DDC Chief of Staff and former Chief, Sustainment Division, at CDDOC.

During his time at the CDDOC, CDR Sanchez helped to synchronize the distribution networks to allow for a seamless movement of incoming air pallets and containers bound for customers in the theater.

“CDR Sanchez is a supremely talented logistics professional who always has a creative approach to problem-solving, so I’m not surprised at all to learn that his efforts to analyze processes at the CDDOC led to the identification of multiple solutions to speed the velocity of materiel movement,” said CDR Kent Vredenburg, SC, USN, DDYJ Commander.



DDWG Accountable Officer Corrine Jacox.

average of 175 pieces per truckload, Elliott is adept at working with a variety of carriers and specialized freight. “The volume of freight processed through DDNV can sometimes be enormous, but Mr. Elliott works hard to ensure no errors are made even during a workload surge,” said CAPT Robert Howard, SC, USN, Commander of DDNV.



FISC Commander RDML Kowba presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal award to DDYJ’s CDR Sanchez.

DDPH’s Agustin Deployed to War Zone

SKCS Lito Agustin, USNR, has been deployed to Iraq to inspect military equipment returning to the U.S., temporarily leaving his position as woodworker at Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH).

Nearly 500 Naval Reservists from the Pearl Harbor area were