

and tracking materiel to get their equipment and vehicles back into the fight and the satisfaction of being able to support the Warfighter from behind the lines,” he said.



MAJ William T. Klaus, USAR, of the Army Reserve Detachment New Cumberland, PA, passes the DLA colors to SKCM Danny J. Schneider, SW/AW, USN, to signify the passing of responsibility of DLA Contingency Support Team-Iraq (DCST-IZ) customer service representative.

planning of Armed Forces Day, an annual event where thousands of people in the community interact with local military service members and organizations. We at DDSP feel the loss as SSG Brittain has moved on as a Drill Sergeant specializing in training other paratroopers,” said DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN.



SSG Steve Brittain, USA, (left) is receiving a Joint Service Commendation Medal from DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN (right).

DDSP's SSG Brittain Receives JSCM

By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs

SSG Steve Brittain, USA, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service as Inspector/Tester and Operations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) where he was responsible for the classification of more than 10,000 aerial delivery items. SSG Brittain also conducted inspections on critical life-sustaining air delivery equipment. In addition, he scheduled a dozen successful Airborne Operations in coordination with the Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training Program. The Army Airborne Riggers stationed at DDSP are the only Riggers assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency.

“SSG Brittain played a vital role not only in our Air Delivery mission, but was proactive in the

DDPH's SK2 Rosal Commended for Outstanding Service

By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs

SK2 Anthony Rosal, USN, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments as Assistant Leading Petty Officer and Tiger Team Lead of the Operations Support Division at Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH).

By developing a dynamic customer-focused team, SK2 Rosal was directly responsible for providing support for workload surges and completing an intense warehouse storage aid reorganization and modernization plan that saved DDPH more than \$350,000 in man hours and other production related costs.

“Petty Officer Rosal is an outstanding leader,” praised

CDR Joe Vitelli, SC, USN, DDPH Commander. “His commitment to duty motivates his team to complete our mission to support the Warfighter.”

SK2 Rosal was also selected as one of the Ten Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year in 2003.



DDPH Operations Officer LCDR Chris Anderson, SC, USN, presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal to SK2 Rosal.

Marine Recovering from Sniper Shot Reclaims Prized Medal

By Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDCSP Public Affairs

LCpl Matthew J. Brown, USMC, left for basic training in September of 2003, a month before his 19th birthday. He deployed to Iraq the following June. In addition to the protective gear issued by the Marine Corps, Matt wore a symbol of his own spiritual belief close to his heart – a St. Michael’s medal. He had worn it since his brother and two close friends were spared in a tragic car accident. Grateful for the Saint’s protection, they had their names engraved, along with Matt’s on the back of the medal.

On November 10, 2004, Matt was wounded in battle during the first day of the U.S. offensive maneuvers in the Iraqi city of Fallujah. In his words, “All hell broke loose,” and it wasn’t long before bullets starting flying and

a sniper shot the machine gunner in the upper thigh. Matt was treated at a Bravo Surgical trauma unit, quickly transferred to Germany, and ultimately admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland where the surgeons took veins from his calf to repair the damage to his thigh.

Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) employee John Brown is Matt’s father. He stayed by Matt’s hospital bed as often as possible. He was glad for the day when his son wasn’t so groggy from the pain medication and they were able to talk. Matt remembers being shot, vaguely recalls his buddies carrying him to help, and then waking up at a base in Germany. Although he was grateful for his life, he became distressed that his St. Michael’s medal was missing. It weighed so much on his mind that when the Commandant of the Marine Corps presented Matt his Purple Heart, Matt replied, “Sir, this is really nice, but what I really want is my St. Michael’s medal back.”

Father LCDR Ron Camarda, USN, was at Bravo Surgical when the Lance Corporal was brought bleeding into the trauma unit. Matt



LCpl Matthew Brown, USMC, earned a Purple Heart for his valor, but was more concerned with finding the medal he lost in battle.



LCDR Ron Camarda, a priest at Bravo Surgical, carried the St. Michael's medal in his pocket almost 40 days trying to locate its owner.

was able enough to profess to the priest that he was Catholic. Noticing that the beautiful medal around Matt's neck had a broken chain, Father Camarda held it in his hands, promising to find something to replace the chain. Returning with a cord, he found Matt in an operating room and was unable to reach him. Meanwhile, other "angels" required the Father's attention, some for communion and anointing, and for one, administration of last rites. That is when he heard the choppers whizzing and remembered the medal. He then ran the 200 yards to the landing pad, but it was too late. The young man he knew only as "Matthew" was on his way to Germany.

For more than a month, the kind priest carried the medal in his pocket remembering its owner in prayer each day as he attempted to find an address and telephone number. Finally, he was able to contact Matt by phone. He was touched to learn the meaning of the four names engraved on the medal. He was also delighted to discover that both he and Matthew played the tenor

saxophone. Most of all, he was relieved to hear that Matt's leg was saved. On December 17, the priest packed the medal in a box and sent it to its owner.

Matt is currently undergoing the slow, painful process of rehabilitation at a center near his family. He expects to make a full recovery and will return to duty in March. Not only will the warrior angel have his St. Michael's medal back around his neck, but he will also be carrying a St. Christopher's medal – a gift from a new friend and dedicated priest from Bravo Surgical.



LCpl Brown recovers from surgery to his leg from a sniper wound to the upper thigh.

DDSP Public Safety Flying High

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For the past two years the Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Dispatchers, and other members of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) Public Safety Division have become completely entrenched in their new combined facility.

The building, so aptly named "Building 911," combines all facets of Public Safety under one roof, yet one part of the building has remained unused – the flag pole. It has remained so because Department of Defense regulations permit the flying of only one U.S.

flag on an installation.

In January, a new flag was raised on the pole at Building 911. The unique Public Safety flag bears a new emblem depicting three major entities of Public Safety united under a single control center. "Salus Populi Suprema Lex," a quote from Cicero, was selected as a guiding motto and translates to, "The Safety of the Public is the Supreme Law." The design represents the greater unity and esprit de corps within the division.



DDSP Police Captains Michael Lee and Leonard Rutter display the Public Safety Division Flag.



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