

Olympics in Hawaii, numerous community fund raisers, the Great Aloha Run, the Ford Island Bridge Run, COMPACFLT Marathon, and provided medical support for command functions at the Fleet Industrial Support Center. She actively supports Asian Pacific American Heritage and Hispanic Heritage Month and is a single class away from completing her degree through off-duty education.

The Ten Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year Award provides a highly visible means for the Director of DLA to recognize deserving superior performers in every segment of the DLA workforce. Performance recognized by this award must have been highly exemplary and inspirational to others and have contributed significantly toward the overall accomplishment of the DLA mission.

“Petty Officer Eustaquio is truly the most exceptional, multi-task oriented, dedicated, and compassionate Junior Enlisted professional here, or at any of my previous commands, she is most deserving of this recognition,” said DDPH Commanding Officer Navy Cmdr. Joe Vitelli.



DDJC's Villa receives Ten Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year Award



Andres Villa, a material handler leader with the Consolidation and Containerization Point at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was recently recognized for his selection as one of the Defense Logistics Agency's ten outstanding personnel of the year in a ceremony at DLA Headquarters, Fort Belvoir, Va., Dec. 6.

“It is an honor to receive such a prestigious award,” Villa said. “It represents the dedication and hard work of our organization here at the (Consolidation and Containerization Point).”

Villa's priorities are the customer and teamwork. He combines the concern for customer service needed to meet tough shipping schedules with the ability to engage his team members to find ways to improve their processes. This is important because his team processes 15,000 lines a month of high priority shipments to 36 Pacific Command customers utilizing 463L air pallets or loose shipments with an average hold and processing time of just under two days—well under the goal of three days.

Working as a team, Villa and his group volunteered their time on Veteran's Day last year to work on a shipment of tents headed to Pakistan as part of a Department of Defense humanitarian relief effort. They received 20 truckloads of tents from Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, Calif., and San Joaquin stock and reloaded the tents onto air pallets. They had to manually fold many of the tents to conform to the shape of the air pallet for netting. By the end of the weekend, they built 121 463L air pallets that were shipped to Travis Air Force Base to meet four aircraft. The planes then carried the tents to Pakistan.

Being a member of the first Lean Rapid Improvement Event, Villa embraced the DDJC's Lean efforts. With his experience, he regularly encourages his team to continuously improve their processes.

Villa's recent efforts have brought a series of ergonomic improvements and elimination of wasted effort in their processes. For example, Federal Express now off-loads Jiffy bags into the San Joaquin DDJC's conveyable totes. This result has eliminated the need for personnel to touch the bags.

Additionally, there were problems with the receiving process for MEDEX shipments. For transshipments and items requiring corrections, staging areas were set up. Villa's team provided training and re-engineered the workspace to process these shipments on-line, eliminating extra touches and waiting time in the staging areas. Further, they found ways to use lift table and tilt tray devices in multiple areas of the operation decreasing the potential for mishaps from lifting strains and sprains. The outcome resulted in streamlined workflow, elimination of touches and staging areas, and improved productivity.

“Andy has continued to maintain his focus on the customer and used this to energize continuous improvements in the Consolidation and Containerization Branch,” said Dennis Barnum, chief, Transportation Division. “His energy and enthusiasm are contagious.”

Villa served in the U.S. Army for three years, and has been employed by DLA for 23 years. He is active in his community where he volunteers supporting youth activities.