

dollars by leveraging the volumes of material into one centralized area for further shipment.

Under her leadership, DDSI established, streamlined, and continually improves distribution processes in support of forward-deployed detachments. The results of DDSI's hard work, increased materiel velocity, increased in-transit visibility, and enhanced time-definite delivery, have significantly improved distribution processes in Southern Europe. DDSI's workload has already exceeded expectations by almost 30 percent.

At DDSI, Cordeiro has championed key Lean-based distribution initiatives, including an adaptive logistics network to support forward-deployed units operating throughout Europe and Africa, cost-effectively meeting customer response requirements at a consistency rate exceeding 98 percent.

"Ms. Cordeiro is the consummate professional. She is a highly motivated team player with proven leadership results and unlimited potential to further excel in the most demanding billets. On a daily basis she leverages her vast technical knowledge and leadership ability to further her contribution to the DLA/DDC mission success. She is an inspirational, mission-focused leader and renowned joint logistics expert," said DDSI Commanding Officer Navy Cmdr. Mark Semmler.

Cordeiro recently initiated and led the highly successful implementation of the Southern Regional Distribution Center operating under the European Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center. Her innovative planning and implementation of this joint DOD approach resulted in a 70 percent reduction in air terminal hold time, increased cargo velocity, and a 20 percent reduction in total order receipt time to deployed Warfighters operating in the Fifth and Sixth Fleet AORs, including improvements that leveraged surface transport to eliminate the traditional requirements for aircraft to move cargo in theater, avoiding unnecessary air assets for other missions.

"Applying her extensive knowledge of both Navy supply and DOD distribution operations, Ms. Cordeiro has directly improved the materiel readiness of our Warfighters," said Semmler.



San Joaquin's Travis receives the Most Approved Suggestions Award from DLA



Timothy Travis, a distribution process worker with the Freight Terminal at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was recently presented the Most Approved Suggestion Award from the Defense Logistics Agency at the 39th Annual DLA Awards ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va., Dec. 6.

Travis had 10 suggestions approved while assigned to the Freight Terminal. He takes a great interest in making the depot a better and safer place to work and improves safety for DLA as a whole. "This award is an honor being that I am able to look out for the welfare of my co-workers," said Travis.

One suggestion Travis submitted was to have placards for the dedicated trucks. This allowed the Freight Terminal to have better visibility and a lower rate of errors for dedicated truck loads. Additionally, during the transition of the Freight Terminal from warehouse 16 to warehouse 56, he recommended that exterior lighting be installed. He took into consideration that the lighting issues were not addressed during the building phase of the new warehouse. It was the safety of the employees that urged Travis to make the needed recommendation.

"Mr. Travis' dedication towards this recognition is above and beyond anyone's expectation. The DDJC Freight Terminal has improved on many of its processes along with safety issues that protect our number one resource, people," said Greg Reeves, Freight Terminal Chief. "I commend Mr. Travis, as DDJC would say, 'Just do it right.'"

Prior to Travis' civil service career which began in 1974, he served two tours in the U.S. Army. He joined the DLA team in 1994.