

DDC bids farewell to deputy commander

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Members of the Defense Distribution Center team gathered for a luncheon March 11 to bid farewell to Senior Executive Twila Gonzales, DDC's deputy commander since March of last year.

Gonzales left DDC headquarters in New Cumberland, Pa., to become the director of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service in Battle Creek, Mich.

During the luncheon, Gonzales was presented with a number of gifts and awards. Many of the gifts were humorous, often playing on the decidedly colder climate she will experience in Michigan. One such gift was a framed University of Michigan Wolverines scarf, a novelty for Gonzales who hails from California.

Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, DDC's commander, also presented Gonzales with the Defense Logistics Agency Meritorious Civilian Service Award during the ceremony in recognition of her contributions to the readiness of America's armed forces.

A proponent of leadership development throughout her career, Gonzales leaves DDC with a robust leadership development program that is crucial to positioning the command for future success.



Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, commander, Defense Distribution Center, presents the Defense Logistics Agency Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Senior Executive Twila Gonzales. In the citation for the award, Gonzales was described as "an excellent team builder and mentor" who "demanded what was right and ensured that employees and customers were treated fairly." Gonzales, who served as DDC's deputy commander, was presented the medal at a farewell luncheon March 11.



Senior Executive Twila Gonzales, left, inspects the contents of a DRMS Survival Kit presented to her by Diane Covalt of the Defense Distribution Center's Directorate of Distribution Operations.



Senior Executive Twila Gonzales, left, accepts a plaque, which includes commander's coins from each of the Defense Distribution Center's 26 distribution centers, from Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, DDC's commander.