

## Deployable Distribution Center racks up two awards

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Team members of the Defense Distribution Center's Deployable Distribution Center were recognized at the Defense Logistics Agency's awards ceremony Dec. 5, 2007.

The deployable center was selected as DLA's Large Team of the Year and Donnie Hernandez, the center's Supervisory Distribution Facilities Specialist, was selected as one of ten of DLA's Personnel of the Year.

"It's an honor for our team to be recognized like this," said Marc Parsons, the deployable center's director. "These awards are a credit to our team and their hard work."



*Pictured above is the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point the Defense Distribution Center's Deployable Distribution Center established in Korea in April and May 2007. The team was selected as the Defense Logistics Agency's Large Team of the Year for the work they performed while deployed to Korea.*

The team and Hernandez were selected for their performance while they were

deployed to Korea during April and May of 2007 to assess their ability to provide distribution services to military contingency and disaster relief operations. Parsons attributes the success of the evaluation directly to the preparation done by Hernandez.

"Don was the key to our success—his leadership skills are fantastic," Parsons said. "He got the right people for the job and developed them into an outstanding team."

Hernandez traveled to Korea ahead of time to see what facilities were available and instituted a rigorous training program to prepare every member of the team to get the job done, no matter what they were faced with.

The training Hernandez developed included a full-size layout of the warehouse that would serve as the Theater

Consolidation and Shipping Point for the assessment. He used that to run everyone through the process and tweaked anything that needed it.

Hernandez is humbled that he received the individual award.

"It's an incredible honor to be chosen for this award," he said. "This is a remarkable team from top to bottom—my selection is directly due to their performance."

The training Hernandez developed paid off as the team hit the ground running in Korea. They had the TCSP established and processing materiel in three days, instead of the five that had been expected. During the two-week evaluation the team processed 140 trucks, eight sea van containers, and 139 aircraft pallets—more than two million pounds of cargo.



*Don Hernandez, left, lead supervisor for the Deployable Distribution Center, explains the operation of the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point to a group of Marines from Okinawa who visited the deployable center in Korea last year. Hernandez was recently selected as one of the Defense Logistics Agency's Personnel of the Year for his work establishing the deployable capability.*