

DDC Reserve Unit DDYJ1 Supports DDSP: the Mission, and the Customer

What does it take to inventory 8,000 National Stock Numbers (NSN) totaling more than 80,000 individual items of supply materiel, and get six individuals certified in forklift operation in only 12 days?

The answer is a group of hard-working and dedicated Navy Reservists known as Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Reserve Unit DDYJ1, from Sioux Falls, SD. During their annual training at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna (DDSP), DDYJ1 did such an outstanding job that it earned each member of the unit a Letter of Appreciation from the DDSP Commander, CAPT James P. Naber, SC, USN.

"I really did not expect the recognition that we received," said LCDR "Rope" Burns, SC, USNR, Commanding Officer of DDYJ1. "But I am very pleased that CAPT Naber and SFC McGhee took the time to recognize my unit. It meant a great deal to my Sailors.

"With strong assistance from the DDC Reserve Affairs & Mobilization Division, we were assigned a mission from our gaining command that allowed us to get right to work as soon as we arrived at DDSP," added LCDR Burns. "DDSP's SFC McGhee was also instrumental in coordinating this effort, so there was no wasted time during operation start-up."

At the conclusion of their annual training, two members of the unit were recognized at the DDC headquarters for their leadership and achievements over the past eighteen months, culminating with this assignment. DK1 Brian Mundahl, USNR, and SK2 Brenda Loneman, USNR, were each presented the Joint Service Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement.

"Thanks in large part to SK2 Loneman's efforts, our unit is consistently 100 percent medically ready to deploy. Her accomplishments as our Medical and AT/ADT Petty Officer were instrumental

to our readiness and have brought great credit upon herself and our unit," said LCDR Burns.

"Last year, when I was deployed to Bahrain, DK1 Mundahl stepped up and 'turned-to' while serving as the Leading Petty Officer for our unit," said LCDR Burns. "I am pleased to recognize him for his outstanding leadership and commitment to our unit and its mission."

LDCR Burns participated in the unit's annual training at DDSP while proceeding through the mobilization process. He will soon deploy and be embedded with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Taqaddam, Iraq. LCDR Burns will serve as the 2MEF's DLA Customer Support Representative (CSR) while he is deployed. His CSR position is part of the DLA Contingency Operations Team (DCST). A CSR's mission is to provide quality customer assistance on a continuing basis and alert the proper DLA activities of significant problems that could affect support, services or customer satisfaction.

"As reservists, we are in the business of being deployed. It should be our main objective," said LCDR Burns. "My wife and kids know I wouldn't have it any other way. So now, obviously, is the time for me to serve.

"I tell each unit member to take the opportunity to serve our country and be mobilized when the gaining command needs you, work hard and when you return from deployment—if you have done a good job—I will make sure you are duly recognized. Deploying is how you set yourself apart from your peers and get promoted."

DDCN Supplies Next Tailored Unit in Ongoing Customer Support Mission

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Defense Distribution Depot Cherry Point, NC (DDCN) recently completed the sixth of 26 kit units tailored specifically to the needs of DDCN's primary customer, Naval Air Depot Cherry Point, NC (NADEP Cherry Point).

This sixth unit contained components used to maintain UH-1 Huey Helicopters and was delivered to NADEP Cherry Point in June as part of an on-going program in which DDCN provides units of kits to support NADEP Cherry Point's aviation maintenance and engineering mission.

The first unit was delivered in September, and the last is scheduled for delivery in early 2008.

"Each unit contains up to 15 kits with a variety of components inside including complete fuselages, frames, thermometers, transformers, logic unites, radar warning receivers, satellite communication antennae as well as door and ejection assemblies," explained CDR Joe Sermarini, SC, USN, DDCN Commander.

The kit for the AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopter is the largest, containing 415 components.

Because many of the aircraft components are extremely delicate, DDCN employees must prepare them for transportation by delicately applying layers of protective packaging—a job that can be very time-consuming.

"Each unit requires approximately one thousand man hours to complete," said DDCN Deputy Commander Kevin Taylor.

The time and dedication spent on meeting in the customer's needs have paid off. "We have received compliments in regards to our timeliness and the quality of the packaging and labeling," added Taylor.



DDCN recently successfully completed the crating, packaging, and transportation of another UH-1 Huey Helicopter kit for NADEP Cherry Point. This is the sixth of 26 custom-built kits tailored to support NADEP Cherry Point's maintenance and engineering mission. The last kit is scheduled for delivery in early 2008.