

Pilot Program Saves \$25K in First Month

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A 30-day pilot program that consolidated items going from Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) to Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) via small parcel, air shipments into air freight packages weighing at least 150 pounds has achieved more than \$25,000 in savings in the first month of operation.

By combining the shipments headed for DDSP's Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP) into boxes weighing 150 pounds or more, the containers can be shipped at a cheaper rate. The rate for items shipped via small parcel air express is 84 cents per pound. The rate for heavy air express is 60 cents per pound, resulting in a savings of 24 cents per pound.

The pilot program started in mid-February. Since the successful test, the initiative has expanded to include more customers served by the DDSP CCP with further expansion planned.



DDJC Commander COL Doug Serrano, USA (left) presented commander's coins to the team for their efforts in the heavy air freight project that resulted in a savings of nearly \$25,000 in the first month of operation. From left to right: John Carroll, Dennis Barnum, Luis ASvila, Janet Rollandi (Pilot Air), John Arbuckle (Pilot Air), Wendy Granados, Cheryl O'Brien, Manuel Arceo, Gary Weitz, Greg Lowder, John Cobb and John Clawson. Front row: Mel Harrell, Greg Reeves and Bill Rivera.

3-D Safety Video Filmed at DDJC

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Earlier this year, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) warehouses served as the set for a new safety training video contracted by the Defense Logistics Agency. However, this is not your standard safety training.

The video will be used for three-dimensional, state-of-the-art, high-impact simulation programs that utilize a multi-sensory "immersive" delivery system consisting of 3-D stereoscopic real-time video, realistic audio, and 3-D stereoscopic head-mounted displays. These effects are designed to capture the attention of the participants and leave them believing they have personally experienced the events in the video.

This innovative method of safety training will make a meaningful change to improve DDJC processes and create new value. The 15 minute segment titled "It's All about Choices," dramatizes the lives of three depot employees and their attitudes about work safety. Featured are a newly-hired depot worker and two longtime depot employees, all played by professional actors who auditioned for the parts.

The training video deals with making safe choices, reinforcing personal value, thinking ahead and keeping a positive attitude. "It's All about Choices" is designed to inspire participants to adopt safety as a core personal value and ultimately assume primary responsibility for personal safety.

Filming took place in DDJC warehouses 16 and 30 at Tracy, CA, and in Building 330 at the Sharpe, CA, site. The finished product is scheduled to be shown to all DDJC personnel later this year.

Creating a vivid and lifelike visual environment that engages the viewer in an unforgettable experience, 3-D stereoscopic video emulates the natural experience of sight. Immersive head-mounted display devices create a private viewing experience that enhances focus and diminishes distraction. The sound was developed by

a team of psychologists and audio engineers to stimulate feelings and heighten emotional awareness to make listeners feel it is happening live.

The audio and video are delivered in a head mounted display device that produces a multi-sensory experience leaving an unforgettable impression much like a real-life experience.

The 3-D Experiential Training Company client list includes the Army Materiel Command, Ford, Boeing, and Chrysler. The company was founded by four members of a high-tech multimedia company.

DDRT Supervisor Goes the Extra Mile Uses Pipeline Funds to Create Agency Success Story

Walter Buchanan of Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT) had a dilemma: he had an injured employee and a job to do.

With mission requirements pressing and reasonable accommodation options running out, he was facing the unpleasant prospect of having to let a seasoned employee go.

However, during a conference call with the DLA Injury Compensation Center (ICC), Buchanan learned of the Pipeline Program that provided a job suited to his injured worker's medical restrictions. Funding for this position was secured through the DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service.

Through his actions, Buchanan was ultimately able to retain a well-trained, experienced employee who will now be able to continue to perform meaningful and valuable work.

Walter Buchanan is commended for his efforts in returning an injured employee to work.

