

## John Crain retires from DDBC

Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, Calif. (DDBC), Director John Crain retired in March after 43 years of service to the Department of Defense (DoD). Crain served 21 years in civil service and 22 years in the Marine Corps.

From his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps in 1961 until his retirement as a Master Sergeant in 1983, Crain completed a variety of educational courses relating to Marine Corps and DOD Logistics and obtained extended experience and training in Warehousing, Inventory, Preservation, Packaging and Packing, Transportation, and Mechanical Engineering.

He established and maintained operational oversight of Preservation, Packing and Packaging facilities in Vietnam, Okinawa, and mainland Japan for the Marine Corps.

He was also instrumental in establishing, participating in, and overseeing the Hazardous Material certification program for Marine Corps training exercises in Korea, Australia, and the Republic of the Philippines.

Upon completion of his military service, Crain joined the ranks of Marine civilians at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif. Beginning as a Preservation Servicer, he was quickly recognized for his initiative and experience and was selected to a position as a Preservation Leader.

Crain then accepted successive opportunities to a Shop Planner position, Supervisor of the Planning Section, Division Operations Chief, Branch Head for the Planning/Operations Branch and Director of the Packing/Transportation Division.

From there, Crain accepted the position of Contracting Officer's Representative at DDBC, which was later combined with the duties of the Deputy Director. He became the DDBC Director in January 2004.



*Phyllis C. Campbell, SES, DDC Deputy Commander, presents John Crain with his retirement certificate.*

## Three DDC sites receive SDDC Shipper Performance Awards DDPW, DDBC and DDSP recognized for excellence

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In recognition of a consistent commitment to excellence, the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) honored three Defense Distribution Center (DDC) sites in May.

Defense Distribution Depots Puget Sound, Wash. (DDPW), Barstow, Calif. (DDBC), and Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP), were awarded the SDDC Shipper Performance Awards at the 2006 SDDC symposium in Nashville, Tenn.

“Earning these awards demonstrates the clear and unwavering dedication of our employees to providing world-class logistics support to America’s Warfighters,” said DDC Commander BG Mike Lally, USA.

DDPW ships nearly 3,000 customer orders each month and received the Shipper Performance Award in the small shipper category.

DDBC won the award for in the medium shipping category. On average, DDBC ships more than 2.7 million pounds of materiel each month.

In the super large shipper category, DDSP moved ahead of 1,200 other shippers to earn the award by providing timely and outstanding transportation documentation. DDSP processed and shipped nearly 10,000 containers during calendar year 2005.



*Receiving the Shipper Performance Awards at the 2006 SDDC symposium in Nashville, Tenn.: DDBC’s Betty Brock (fifth from right) and DDPW’s Karen Braget (fifth from left).*