

DDMA dedicates training center to Susie Ann Walker-Nelson

Earlier this year, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity (DDMA) dedicated their training center in honor of a former employee, Susie Ann Walker-Nelson.

The ceremony was attended by her family, friends and DDMA family. The distribution center's two former commanders, CAPT Joseph Napoli, SC, USN, and CAPT Ed Spillman, SC, USN, were also in attendance.

Walker-Nelson was known as a powerful Christian woman, dedicated to her church, her family, Bible study, and many activities at her church. Walker-Nelson was committed, generous, and concerned about many, a friend to all.

She started her career in the United States Army where she served for four years. She continued to serve her country by working for Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Va. (DDRV, and DDMA. She began her civil service career February 27, 1978, and was employed at DDRV/DDMA for 26 years.

Over her 26-year career, Walker-Nelson received numerous awards, including the Sustained Superior Performance Award. She was hard-working and dedicated to the mission. She always performed her duties in an outstanding manner.

Walker-Nelson was known for her positive attitude – she knew how to motivate people. She loved her family and she



Susie Ann Walker-Nelson, also known as "Mother Love."

she cared about the people at DDMA.

In 2002 Walker-Nelson started the Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. When the donations became a yearly event, she was overwhelmed with joy. She also started the Christmas box for the Community Toy Drive and that year the DDMA and DSCR family provided toys for six families of needy children.

Walker-Nelson also implemented



Susie Ann Walker-Nelson's family cuts the ribbon on the newly dedicated training center.

a wellness program where healthcare workers visited DDMA to discuss various health concerns. She arranged to have a blood pressure machine installed at DDMA.

She touched everyone she came in contact with.

Simply put, Susie Ann Walker-Nelson was a LEADER.

She is missed by her sisters, her husband, her sons, and everyone who knew her warm smile and powerful love.

The DDMA Dedication Committee made the ceremony possible. The Committee included Rosa Crenshaw, DDMA Supply Technician; Deborah Overby, DDMA Supply Technician; Otis Scott, DDMA Material Examiner; Rose Hall, DDMA Material Handler; Frankie Thomas, DDMA Material Handler; Thomas Taylor, DDMA Material Handler; Armand Jones, DDMA Material Handler.

Every great event starts somewhere and this one started with DDMA's Commander, CDR John M. Pearson, SC, USN.

The Committee also wishes to thank John Stroup, DDMA Deputy Commander; Dave Gambrell, DDMA Operations Manager; Kevin Walker, DDMA Supervisor; Rose Lockhart, DSCR System Analyst; Sandra Jackson; Pastor Horace H. Wade, Jr., First Union Baptist Church, Richmond; Rev. Kelvin Mines, DDMA Material Handler; Rev. James Stevenson, DDMA Material Handler.