

## DDC's Esoldo awarded Air Force Commendation Medal

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Capt Christopher J. Esoldo, USAF, and employee of the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) Logistics Operations, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal at a recent ceremony at DDC.

From July 2005 until his arrival at DDC in July 2006, Capt Esoldo served as Readiness Flight Commander, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

During this period, Capt Esoldo championed the Air Force's first and largest Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center, establishing an in-theater warehouse for the collection and issue of individual mobility gear and equipment to deployed personnel in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. In less than ten months, he successfully established a forward distribution facility to support customers in the Reception Control Center area and justified a 100,000-square-foot storage facility which was turned over from



*Capt Esoldo, his sister Amanda, and his mother Marty with BG Collyar.*



*BG Lynn Collyar, USA, presents Capt Chris Esoldo, USAF, with the Air Force Commendation Medal.*

War Readiness Materiel operations. He oversaw the installation of a \$2.2 million tracking system within that facility and guided the reconstitution of more than 30,000 mobility bags and the build up of initial inventory to include over 17,000 mobility bags.

Through his efforts, the center will achieve a cost avoidance of an estimated \$51 million dollars in airlift of mobility gear annually.

"The achievements that led to this award were a culmination of efforts of hundreds of people. The personnel at USCENTAF/A4, the wing and unit commanders and the AEF rotational men and women in my Flight all put 100 percent into accomplishment of this mission. I'm proud and thankful to have been part of such an outstanding team of professionals, and I look forward to reaching new heights with the DDC team," said Capt Esoldo.

