

“Strategically Speaking”

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Warfighter Support Enhancement

While I was an accountable officer, I was able to share some of the talents of the people in the Inventory Accuracy Team with other divisions. On one occasion, the IAT was able to help out the System Team by conducting an inventory of some computer spare parts and process disposal documents to properly dispose of unneeded materials within a two-day period. The IAT was also able to help with the ad hoc process by developing a stamp to use to identify material that was ad hoc'd (i.e. flagged as a problem) that allowed added information to be visible on the material.



Stewardship Excellence

Also as an accountable officer, I organized and managed a complete wall-to-wall inventory of approximately 60,000 line items within 11 months. The efforts by the personnel here helped to achieve a consistently lower denial rate, monthly lower inventory adjustment rate, and achieved meeting all goals of the semi-annual Random Statistical Inventory for the past six inventories.

I then created a Risk Assessment Chart that looked at the health of our major processes on a monthly basis and investigated where there were significant high risk areas. This tool was very effective in identifying high risk warehouse areas by looking at total picks processed and denials, total stows and adjustments, total inventories and adjustments, and total low asset visibility counts and adjustments. Once the risks were identified and analyzed, the depot commander, deputy commander and other leadership personnel would discuss the causes and how to prevent future occurrences.

Process improvements, such as bagging materials at receiving, reduced inventory and pick count times by approximately 25 percent and provided a better method of counting linear measured material. Since then, this chart has been shared with some headquarters Distribution Training instructors and other depots.

Also as an Accountable Officer, I partnered up with the accountable officers from Japan, Guam and Korea and communicated quarterly via phone to discuss some of our pressing problems and possible solutions. I feel this has created a strong network among the Pacific depots' accountable officers and other personnel.

Workforce Development

I facilitated about 90 percent of all SWARM Training (now called Distribution Training). Besides doing the administrative portions, I would encourage the students to ask questions that pertained to their work experiences and to also follow up with the instructors or submit information on program/process problems to our management team and DSS program manager.

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