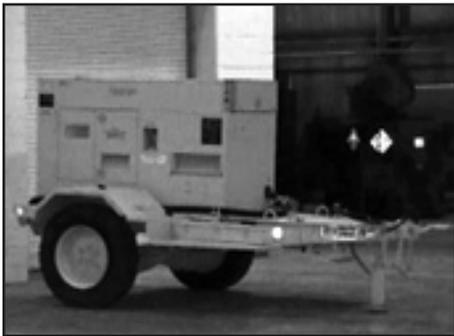


SUPPORTING The Warfighter

“The success of this high priority mission was due to the dedication of DDTP employees Theodore Liberaski who prepared the packaging, Gary Spires who coordinated the hazardous materiel removal, Daniel Trotta who prepared the hazardous material declaration and Richard Townsend who was responsible for preparing the trailer and generator for shipment,” she added.

Also included in the shipment were two additional key pieces of equipment: a truck with a tactical quiet generator that is so quiet it cannot be detected from more than 400 meters and a mobile electric power unit.



The shipment for the Warfighters in Iraq also included a mobile electric power unit.

My son, the Warfighter, our customer

By Diane Woodruff, DDJC Bin Division Administrative Assistant

My son’s association with Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), began a long time ago.

Sitting at the dinner table, we would talk about how our day went, his with school and mine with work. Over years of dinner conversations, he learned about the distribution center’s operations and its people. When he joined the Army, he became our customer with duty stations at Fort Leonardwood, Miss.; Camp Carroll, Korea; and now at Fort Hood, Texas.

He has unloaded seavans and trailers of stock sent by DDJC. He has even done foot patrols of the Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK) warehouse at

Camp Carroll. He noticed the materiel contained our markings and mentioned to his fellow Soldiers that this materiel came from where his mom works. Somewhere in each conversation, a platoon leader or Sergeant would hear the conversation and comment on the good customer service received from DDJC.

While home for leave at Christmas, Military Police Officer, Specialist Andrew Woodruff, USA, received a tour of DDJC. He went to Tray Pack, CCP, Warehouse 56, and Bin Operations. At each stop, Andrew had an opportunity to receive an overview of the operation and meet the people of the organization, personally thanking them for their support. As a customer, he was able to see first hand how air pallets were built for Korea and dedicated truck loads staged for Fort Hood.

Later that night, at the dinner table, Andrew talked about his experience at DDJC. Everything we had talked about over the years clicked.

He said he never really thought about how much effort went into selecting materiel, packing it, and sending it to the Warfighter. He saw firsthand the processes, equipment, and personnel it takes to get supplies to him, the Soldier, and how knowledgeable everyone was with their jobs.

What impressed him the most was the knowledge shared by those who explained their job, how the work centers organized themselves, and the use of technical equipment.

At the Freight Terminal, he was impressed with the signs organizing the dedicated truck lanes and how the loads are set up. In fact, some of the things he saw he is taking back with him to present to his platoon leader as suggestions for implementation at the 1st Calvary’s Motor Pool for improving the storage and readiness of Basic Issue Items, as well as some ideas for safety improvements.

He shared his appreciation and gratitude for each and every one of us, for all our hard work and dedication to our jobs. Without our assistance, he could not do his job. His regret was that he could not thank each employee personally.



DDJC Distribution Process Workers Ruth Chomas and Mauricio Ballesteros meet the customer, Specialist Andrew Woodruff, a Military Police Officer, en route to his new duty assignment at Ft Hood, Texas.

Things that he talked about are things that we take for granted – technology and processes. However, hearing it from a different perspective made me stop and think that sometimes we just quietly go about doing our jobs and do not realize the impact of what we do.

There may be times when we feel like what we do at work does not make a difference or goes unnoticed, but in reality, our customers depend on us to supply them with tools, clothing, food, and shelter.

And like me, sometimes, our customers are our family.

