

DDGM donates computers to local elementary school

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Computers no longer needed at Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM), were donated to a local elementary school as part of the Computers for Learning Program.

Second graders from the Chief Brodie Elementary School received nine computers donated by DDGM in November.

"We're very pleased to participate in this program and to have the opportunity to help a local school," said DDGM Commanding Officer CDR Bill Nash, SC, USN.

Sponsored by the General Services Administration (GSA), the Computers for Learning Program allows government agencies to transfer surplus computers to schools or other education nonprofit organizations.



Computers no longer needed at DDGM were donated to the second grade class at Chief Brodie Elementary School. Left to right: DDGM Information Technology contractor Glen Hutchens with second grade students and Chief Brodie Elementary School Principal Kathy Reyes.

DDMA developing citizenship



Defense Distribution Mapping Activity (DDMA) hosted a group of six Boy Scouts who wanted to learn more about their government while working to earn their Citizenship in the Nation Badge. John Stroup, DDMA Deputy Commander, led the tour.

Engineering a Muscular Dystrophy drive

DDJC's Laws raises more than \$400,000 to fight MD

By Bill Busig, DDJC

During the day, Billy Laws, a general engineer assigned to the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), Installation Operations Division works on upgrading the DDJC facilities. His most recent project was Warehouse 56, the new Active Bulk Warehouse.

But during his time off, Laws can be found on his Harley Davidson Fatboy motorcycle. It's his love of riding that got him involved with the Modesto Chapter of the Harley Owners Group. He has been a member of that club for more than 12 years and has served as the senior road captain for four years, chapter director for two years, and is currently the club historian, a position he has held for the past two years.

It is through his affiliation with the Harley Owners Group that Laws became involved with the Sierra Hope Ride, which is a motorcycle fund raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The ride is held in June and stretches from Modesto, Calif., to Sonora, Calif. Participants in the ride obtain pledges for MDA and are treated for a great ride through the Sierra

foothills, good food and live entertainment. This year's event was the 11th annual ride and drew over 2,200 riders from all over California and the western United States. It raised \$418,000.

Laws has been part of this event for all 11 years. During that time, the Sierra Hope Ride has generated more than \$2 million for MDA. His involvement with the Sierra Hope Ride has grown from rider to cook to head of security, a position he has held for the past six years.

Last year, Laws was chosen to attend the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethon as a representative of the Modesto Chapter of the Harley Owners Group and present the ceremonial check for a ride that generated a total of \$397,000 in contributions for MDA.

When asked why he devotes so much time to this cause Laws replied, "I'm grateful. I have a healthy family and it gives me a chance to help a great cause."



DDJC's Billy Laws has raised more than \$400,000 to fight Muscular Dystrophy on the annual Sierra Hope Rides.