

DDJC CCP Team DLA Award Winner

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DLA has selected the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP) operation for the 34th Annual DLA Team Performance Award. The 33 DDJC teammates are being recognized for their efforts moving the CCP operation with no disruption in customer service.

The team was made up of representatives from the Bulk, Transportation, Technology, and the Engineering and Equipment Division at DDJC. The team was recognized at the 34th Annual Defense Logistics Agency Recognition Program on Tuesday, December 11, 2001. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of the DLA Headquarters Complex, Ft Belvoir, VA.

The CCP is responsible for making a monthly average of approximately 65,000 shipments to more than 4,000 customers in the Pacific Theater of Operations. In a typical month, the CCP will ship 462 seavans and 286 air pallets and process 610 crates of household goods both in and out of DDJC.

The challenge was to move the whole operation at one time from the DDJC Sharpe facility to the DDJC Tracy site, 16 miles away, without any interruption of service to the customers. Several other branches had moved from Sharpe to Tracy in phases, but the CCP move was all done at once.

“All the other operations that moved from Sharpe were consolidated with the Tracy part of their branch,” recalled Distribution Facilities Specialist Kathy Brown, who coordinated the move as part of the Distribution Center 2000 project which consolidated distribution operations at the Tracy site.

“The CCP was moving into a completely new facility with new mechanization,” added Brown.

Prior to the move a 43-pack station tilt tray sortation unit, six air pallet pits, a 12-station small parcel receiving system and more than 100 computer stations were installed in the new location.

Coordinating the details in the CCP was Supply Technician Pam Kale. She started planning the move about 18 months prior. “It was a huge team effort that crossed many division lines,” recalled Kale. “We had to project new equipment requirements, install new technology, get offices and signs set up and make sure the motor pool could get everything moved over the weekend.”

When it came time to move, the CCP finished mission work on Friday and immediately started moving. Between Friday evening and Sunday, 46 truckloads of equipment and supplies and 126 employees were moved with no disruption of service to the customers.

According to Kale the reason the move went so smoothly was the outstanding planning meetings and the actual plan itself that was designed by Brown. “When the day to move finally came, everyone knew their part and performed exceptionally,” pointed out Kale.

Since the move occurred in February 2001, Customer Wait Time for surface shipments has improved by nearly one and a half days.

“The exceptionally successful relocation of the CCP demonstrates two key factors,” pointed out DDJC Commander,

Col. Edward Visker, United States Army. “First — teamwork leads to excellence. Second — no organization within DDJC stands alone, inter-organization communication and execution are essential for success.”



The DDJC CCP Team, winners of the DLA 2001 Team Award.

Receiving the DLA team award are: Kathy Brown, Team Leader of the Distribution Facilities Specialist Team; Technology Division Teammates Donna Bonfoey, Ron Osano, Joe Mendes, Anna Tuake, Val Brant, Lisa Johansen-Grasty, Jim Gutierrez, Maria Johnston, Liz Wolff, Beth Palacio, Toni Righetti, and Vic Riolo. Transportation Division Teammates Ron Johnston, Pam Kale, Bill Romena, Darla Herbert, Eddy Cruz, Sandra Devine, Irma Anderson, Diana Escobar, Robert Bracy, Cheryl O'Brien, Janice Ferguson, Clayton Phillips, Ronica Sterling-DeLoach, Miguel Figueroa, Adrian Jimenez and Richard Rutledge. Bulk Division Teammates Donny Hernandez and Robert Helzer. Engineering and Equipment Division Teammates Billy Laws and Pam Vasquez.

DDJC is DLA's western Strategic Distribution Platform with facilities at Tracy and Sharpe. The two distribution facilities occupy 1,632 acres and are located some 16 miles apart. The depot is centrally located for easy access to complex interstate, waterways, air and rail transportation networks.

The depot's mission is to receive, store, and ship Government-owned supplies and equipment, primarily to military customers in the western US and the Pacific Theater of operations, with additional worldwide capabilities. As a Strategic Distribution Platform, DDJC serves as the west coast hub for distribution activities. The depot currently stores a wide range of supplies and equipment commonly ordered by the military services, including clothing and textiles, food, medical supplies, construction materials, electrical supplies/components, sonabouys, tires for both aircraft and vehicles, and a wide array of secondary repair parts.