

# DDSP's SFC McGhee Receives Joint Service Commendation Medal

SFC Sterling K. McGhee, USA, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal by Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, for his exceptional service as Operations Sergeant and Multi-Classes Expeditor for the DLA Contingency Support Team (DCST)-Kuwait.

"This is a special day because we honor one of our own who has excelled," BG Gainey began. "The Warfighter benefits from our DLA expertise and DLA benefits because we, as soldiers, come back and know what the issues are that face our customers."

From May 2003 to September 2003, SFC McGhee supported more than 250,000 coalition troops and 34 different weapon systems, managing 116,000 requisitions that valued nearly \$500 million. Through SFC McGhee's efforts, 55,000 Iraqi Police uniforms were delivered, aiding in the restoration of security and stability within Iraq.

Upon receiving his citation, SFC McGhee said, "I would like to thank the Commander for the opportunity to go to Kuwait, and I would like to bring to everyone's attention that this war is still being fought and the troops still need our support."



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## Awards Recognize DDCO Associates

At the December 15 holiday luncheon, Defense Distribution Center Director Don Brown presented awards to DDCO associates. Receiving service awards were thirteen associates.

Recognized for 30 years' service were Cecil Crockett, Greg Floom, Ron Radford, and John Van Horn.

Achieving 20 years' service were Don Brown; Linda Mandeville, Lottie Skipper, Tom Thimmes, and Forrest Wonderlen.

Gerry Duncan, Steve Miracle and Werner Nelson were recognized for 15 years' service; and Jeff Morgan reached the 10-year plateau.

The thirteen associates represent 68 percent of DDCO's organization. Overall, the 19 DDCO associates have a combined 447 years of service or an average 23.5 years per associate.

In other presentations, Bob Milligan and Steve Miracle received Certificates of Appreciation for their role in implementing the Y2K conversion process.

And each DDCO associate received an individual Joint Meritorious Unit Award Citation with lapel button. The award recognizes DLA's achievements from September 11, 2001 to July 31, 2002.

"These presentations show the variety of tasks associated with performing today's distribution mission," Brown said. "Based on our combined years of service, we have a lot of experience in distribution. That experience translates into quality support for our Warfighters."

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