



## **Defense Distribution Center Remembers Michael Yost**

Michael Yost, former Director, Business Systems Modernization (BSM), Defense Distribution Center (DDC), New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, passed away August 18, 2004.

Yost began serving his country in 1972 as an agricultural agent for the Peace Corps in Colombia, South America. Upon his return, Yost accepted a position as a Transportation Management Specialist intern with the New Cumberland Army Depot (NCAD). While rising through the ranks, Yost dedicated himself to education and civil service as well. He served on the Newberry Township Planning Commission in 1978 while earning his master's degree in Regional Planning in 1980 from Penn State University.

In 1983, Yost became Transportation Division Chief and in 1985, Yost's extensive knowledge and superior performance lead him to be selected as the Deputy Director of Supply at NCAD which is now known as the Defense Distribution Depot

Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP). He held the Deputy Director/Deputy Commander position for 13 years.

In 1998, Yost served as DDC's Comptroller, allowing him to see the business area perspective of the agency and providing opportunity to contribute at the agency level. In 2000, with the Defense Logistics Agency embarking on the BSM effort, Yost was selected as Chief of the DDC's BSM office. While actively involved in the enterprise re-engineering effort of BSM, Yost also spearheaded the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS) initiative, using his transportation roots to mold and inspire this organization to move forward in transportation optimization.

Yost's dedication, vision and devotion to duty have inspired us all. His accomplishments are a tribute to himself, those he has led, the DDC, DLA and all the dedicated people, in and out of uniform, who work in dedicated service to their country.