
DDCT EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED BY AMCOM

In a ceremony at the Defense Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT), February 1, 2001, the Commanding Officer, Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), Colonel Thomas M. Dockens, on behalf of the Commanding General, U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), Major General Al Sullivan, Jr., presented Commander's Coins to DDCT employees who played key roles in the recently completed Apache (AH-64 Helicopter) Swashplate Project.

DDCT employees receiving AMCOM Commander's Coins were: Kathy Martinez (Project Officer), Kenneth Clem (Receiving Examiner), Frances Alavarez (Transportation/Shipping), Maximo Rodriguez (Packing), Jesse Arredondo and Roy Reyes (Pick-up and Delivery), David Rivas and David Molina (Receiving). Colonel Dockens presented the DDCT Commander, Lieutenant Colonel J. Douglas Serrano, a CCAD Commander's Coin for his outstanding support of the project.

Colonel Dockens commented that the successful completion of the project, ten days in advance of the January 31, 2001, deadline was the culmination of hard work, dedicated employees and outstanding teamwork between DDCT, CCAD, and AMCOM.



1. (left to right) Colonel Thomas M. Dockens, Max Rodriguez, David Rivas, Frances Alavarez, David Molina, Kenneth Clem, Kathy Martinez
2. Colonel Dockens 'coins' LTC Serrano



FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Defense Logistics Agency named DDJC Fire Captain Harold Mara as the Fire Fighter of the Year. Mara has served as a fire fighter for 22 years at both the Sharpe and Tracy sites of DDJC. Currently he is a captain at the Tracy fire station.

The award recognizes Mara's efforts in serving as the DDJC Fire Department's training coordinator for auto extrication, swift water rescue, confined spaces, and wild land fire survival. Additionally, he trains and certifies fire fighters as emergency medical providers.

Mara also serves as the wild land fire control officer and provides liaison to county and state training coordinators.

Mara's nomination for the award also includes his efforts to reduce DDJC training costs by coordinating training with emergency services programs from neighboring communities.

He received the award August 30 at the DoD and Federal Fire Fighter and Emergency Services Conference in Dallas, Texas.

This is the third year in a row that a DDJC fire fighter was selected for the DLA honor. Last year Ken Nelson received the award. In 1998, assistant fire chief, Arnold Dail earned the award.

"This award is truly a win for every fire fighter within this organization," noted DDJC Fire Chief Terry Wyler. "Competing at the national level and winning on even one occasion is the best report card on how well we are doing."

The selection was made by an independent awards council and based solely on accomplishments, job performance, technical competence, leadership ability, employee initiative and resourcefulness.

Harold Mara

