

DCST—Member Tambellini Recognized for Outstanding Service

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Renee Tambellini, a Supply Management Specialist for the Defense Distribution Center (DDC), volunteered for the DLA Contingency Support Team (DCST) and was deployed to Uzbekistan/Afghanistan. In a short period of time, she has demonstrated remarkable capabilities.

Tambellini has distinguished herself as the DCST Operations Supervisor supporting Joint Task Force 180 in the Uzbekistan/Afghanistan theater of operations, said Major Larry Glidewell, Commander, DCST-UZ, Joint Logistics Command (JLC). “Ms. Tambellini developed a transformational business plan providing visibility of all DCST-UZ support capabilities available to the JLC Commander,” said Glidewell.

Currently in the Air Force Reserves, Tambellini is assigned to DDC-DLA working in her field of Supply Management. “Having a military background has helped me serve as the Operations Manager,” said Tambellini, “I think I have been a bridge between the civilian team members and the military personnel.”

Tambellini also led a process action team and personally developed a total visibility review for all DLA Critical Items in the Combined Joint Operations Area (CJOA). This enhanced visibility shortened lead times for re-supply of these critical assets to the Warfighters.

“I volunteered for DCST to learn more about the Army and increase my corporate knowledge of DLA by experiencing first hand the services we provide to the war fighter,” said Tambellini. She has found the experience invaluable.

“I would recommend a DCST deployment,” said Tambellini. “DCST is an excellent opportunity to increase your corporate

knowledge of all the DLA Centers and the products we provide. You get to see DLA through the Soldier’s perspective and you see how critical DLA’s role is to the warfighter’s mission.”

Tambellini’s vast experience also enabled her to serve as the DCST Commander while Glidewell was deployed forward in Europe. During this time, she distinguished herself during several briefings for the operation in Southwest Asia.

“Every day I see the results of my work, that’s very fulfilling” Tambellini said. “I also get to work with America’s finest Soldiers.”

On an average day, Tambellini “resolves DLA logistical problems with Class I through Class IX items that affect the CJOA. I attend numerous BUB’s (battle update briefings) that cover all classes of material and force protection issues. Eat, sleep, shower and start all over.”

When this deployment is over Tambellini will miss the people with whom she’s worked. “In a deployment situation, they become your family.” But what does she miss about home? “Everything.”

DDC’s DCST needs volunteers at locations around the world. Volunteers can be DDC civilians, active duty military, or military reservists. Some of the jobs include distribution specialists, transportation coordinators, logistics operations personnel processing, commodity specialists, and even Commanders.

If you’re thinking about volunteering, call 717-770-4114 for more information or check out the DCST webpage at www.ddc.dla.mil/Programs/DCST.