

# DDC's Deputy Commander Receives Prestigious Honor

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Ms. Phyllis C. Campbell, Senior Executive Service (SES), Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) received the 2002 Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, at a ceremony held in February at the Pentagon. Presiding over the ceremony, Honorable Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Each year, the President of the United States confers the rank of Meritorious Executive on a select group of career members of the Senior Executive Service who have provided exceptional service to the American people over an extended period of time. These senior executives are outstanding leaders, who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to public service. Through their personal conduct and results-oriented leadership, they have earned and kept a high degree of public confidence and trust. They have demonstrated their success in balancing the needs and perspectives of customers, stakeholders, and employees with organizational results. Executives from across the government are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by citizen panels, and finally, designated by the President. The award is both prestigious and unique.

A total of thirty-three award recipients were honored at this year's ceremony; three of the recipients represented the elite of the Defense Logistics Agency. During the ceremony, Wolfowitz acknowledged all of the recipients as being a distinguished and select group of individuals that have aspired to "Getting it right the first time and every time" while excelling in government service. Wolfowitz states, "While we have here today a wide range of talents and expertise, there's one thing that all of our award recipients share, and that's a commitment to public

service that advances the cause of freedom. Through your work, you contribute to the enduring values that America stands for; the right to live in safety and security, the right to enjoy peace and prosperity, the right to self-government that we prize so much in our great country. Your vision and dedication will help us fulfill the Department's responsibility to ensure our military men and women have the tools they will need in the decades to come. Whenever they go into harm's way, it will be with the very best tools and support we can give them. We are proud of you; and we will continue to count on you in the days ahead, for there is much work yet to do as we continue to fight the war against terror while we transform our forces for the 21st Century."

Ms. Campbell, who has served as DDC's Deputy Commander since 1998, has been the driving force behind DDC's evolution from a material, storage-focused activity to a robust, full-service distribution and transportation activity. Under her leadership, the DDC, which is responsible for receiving, storing and issuing more than four million military items annually in support of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and other federal agencies operations worldwide, has evolved to become the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for distribution.

Ms. Campbell has spearheaded DDC's business plan development, assuring that strategies and initiatives are in place to accomplish DLA's distribution goals. Her continued focus on improving support to the many military customers has allowed the DDC to gain greater efficiencies by improving end-to-end distribution processes with outcomes of improved customer service, reduced customer wait time, and reduced distribution and transportation costs. Ms. Campbell acknowledges

*Honorable Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy, Secretary of Defense (left) presents Mrs. Phyllis C. Campbell, SES, DDC Deputy Commander, the 2002 Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award.*

*Also pictured: "Mayor of the Pentagon", Ray DuBois, Director, Washington Headquarters Services.*

