

DDOO's Watkins Awarded DLA Distinguished Career Service Award



Billy A. Watkins, Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma, OK (DDOO) was presented the DLA Distinguished Career Service Award on March 11, 2004, by BG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC). Watkins is retiring from federal service this year.

Throughout his 40 years of service to the federal government, beginning in 1964 as a WG-4 Warehouse Worker with the United States Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base, OK, Watkins brought dedication, determination, and integrity to every step in his career.

In 1998, Watkins was promoted to Deputy Commander of DDOO where his exceptional leadership during the tragic events of September 11, 2001, enabled DDOO to maintain appropriate focus, and allowed them to address all subsequent Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom requirements without fail.

He spearheaded the implementation of "Continuous Delivery" throughout Tinker Air Force

"It was an honor to serve," Watkins said. "I have had an excellent career and had many, many opportunities that I will never forget."

DDNV's Weissner Awarded DLA's Distinguished Career Service Award

William Weissner, Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Virginia (DDNV), was awarded the DLA Distinguished Career Service Award on March 11, 2004, by BG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center. Weissner is retiring in July 2004.

Weissner distinguished himself throughout his exemplary 38 years of service to the federal government culminating with his work at DDNV. The result of his leadership was an efficient, customer-focused depot that achieved material processing times of less than 24 hours for

the first time, for both the material receipt to stow process and issue to ship process. Additionally, DDNV increased the number of workload processing cycles from one to six per day so that no requisition would stay in a banked status for more than six hours.

Throughout his career, Weissner has raised the bar on performance for himself and those that work with him. As a result of his superb leadership, initiative and tenacity, DDNV achieved significant improvements in customer service and operating efficiency.

