

DDJC Recognized for Outstanding Support Recipient of Navy Logistics Excellence Award

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Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California's (DDJC) outstanding support to the Pacific Fleet was recognized on April 24. CDR Bill Baker, USN, Chief of the Navy Priority Material Office at Puget Sound, WA, presented DDJC Commander Col. Edward Visker, USA, with their annual Logistics Excellence Award.

The award is presented each year to the organization that provides the Pacific Fleet with the best logistics support. The award was presented at DDJC during the daily management meeting attended by division and office chiefs.

"DDJC provided the best level of service in 2001," Baker said. "In FY 2001 DDJC handled 4,500 requisitions and 90 percent were shipped in one day. That is service to the fleet."

Baker's office tracks the status of high priority weapon system parts requisitions for more than 150 submarine and surface ships that are homeported in the Pacific Theater of Operations, but deployed around the world. Additionally, they also track high priority requisitions for the Military Sealift Command units.



Commander Bill Baker, USN, Chief of the Navy Priority Material Office, Puget Sound, WA, presents DDJC Commander Col Edward Visker, USA, with an award recognizing DDJC's outstanding support to the Pacific Fleet.

While accepting the award Col. Visker pointed out how there were opportunities to increase DDJC support to the fleet by positioning more Navy stock at DDJC.

"You are an important customer," said the DDJC Commander. "We hope to grow more business with you."

DDJC to the Rescue—Again!

"Once again I called DDJC (Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California) with an impossible request and they came through for the customer," pointed out Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Customer Service Representative Jerry West.

Naval Air Station Lemoore ordered some hydraulic fluid from the item manager, Defense Supply Center Richmond, VA (DSCR). Since the order was over the maximum release quantity, the order was put on hold pending validation.

The Naval Air Station Lemoore (NAS Lemoore) deputy supply officer notified West that maintenance shops would have to stop work unless the hydraulic fluid came in that day. West called DDJC's Emergency Supply Operations Center (ESOC) to let them know DSCR would be faxing them a hot Material Release Order for 1,008 gallons of hydraulic fluid. The ESOC began coordinating with the warehouse, motor pool, and transportation to expedite the paperwork.

"We've done it many times before," said DDJC expeditor John Becker. "We just let everyone know what is going on and it goes smoothly."

After the warehouse was notified, it took about an hour to have the shipment selected, packed and loaded on the truck.

"Everyone was on top of it," said DDJC Bulk Branch 3 supervisor Bob Fry. "It was simple."



The DDJC crew who selected, packed and shipped 1,008 gallons of hydraulic fluid in near record time for NAS Lemoore customers are pictured around a pallet of the hydraulic fluid. From left are packer Robert Uhl, material handler Julius Deperio, leaderman Russell Ringo and material handler Lee Gehring.

Since the Dedicated Truck to Lemoore would not leave until 9:30 p.m., DDJC's motor pool sent a van over to the warehouse to have five pallets of hydraulic fluid loaded.

About four and a half hours after West got the urgent call, DDJC's driver was at NAS Lemoore unloading the shipment.

"What a success story," said West. "DDJC efforts continue to delight and amaze everyone. Thank you for your world class support this time and every time we call."