

# 1012th QM Help Reposition Stock at DDJC

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Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) is over 2,000 pallets closer to vacating Warehouses 8 and 11 thanks to Army reservists from the 1012th Quartermaster Co. from Nebraska. Twenty-one personnel from the general support unit spent two weeks at DDJC this spring to help the Bulk Division move stock.

The effort supports the Military Construction project to demolish Warehouses 8 and 11 making room to build a 480,000 sq. ft. active bulk warehouse. The demolition is scheduled to start in August 2002.

Before the reservists arrived, the Bulk Division was clearing about 165 locations a week. The 1012th cleared nearly 600 locations during a few days of work.

"If the rest of their unit is like this, I'd like to get them back this summer," said project supervisor Frank Garza.

The unit sent 4 drivers and 17 material handlers to move mostly clothing and textile (C&T) items into Warehouse 30.

*Spec 4 Don Mohr, left and SFC James Halloway check paperwork on a pallet of clothing and textiles that Army reservists moved from one of the warehouses scheduled for demolition into Warehouse 30.*



Stock relocation plans call for C&T to be consolidated in the automated high-rise section of Warehouse 30.

"It is good training for us," said SFC James Halloway, the unit Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC). "If we were activated, this is what we would be doing in the field."

The unit is 108 personnel strong and very familiar with distribution center operations. In recent training rotations they have alternated between assignments at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA, and the center in Germany.

## Building Confidence, Building America

### DDJC is active in the community

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Defense Distribution Center San Joaquin, California (DDJC) joined forces with the Tracy Chamber of Commerce to add a few military events to the annual Fourth of July activities at a Tracy Park. Col. Edward Visker, USA, Commander DDJC, a member of the Tracy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, served as overall chairman of this year's event coordinating efforts from throughout the community for this day in the park.

Among the new events added this year by the DDJC Commander was a Junior Boot Camp and Confidence Course for kids. Nathan Womack, a DDJC Transportation Specialist, and retired Army Drill Instructor conducted the Junior Boot Camp portion. The Confidence Course was designed by SFC Hector Vazquez, USA, who staffs the DDJC Business Office. The fly-over featured four F-18 Night Attack Hornets out of Naval Air Station Lemoore, California (NAS Lemoore).

In addition to his DDJC job, Womack is a fitness trainer/instructor for a local health club, where he conducts several Boot Camp workout sessions for adults. In the park, the muscular Womack was clad in BDU's and the Drill Instructor's trademark "Smoky" hat. In typical Drill Sergeant fashion barked commands to the kids through a megaphone. Those who failed to follow his directives were punished with sets of push ups, as the crowd laughed and cheered. Womack concluded each of the sessions with a spirited game of Simon Says.

Following the Boot Camp, the kids started the Confidence Course. There kids would start with the low-crawl under nylon



*Nathan Womack, right, barks words of encouragement through a megaphone to youngsters as they go over the wall on the Junior Confidence Course during Fourth of July activities in Tracy, CA. Standing next to Womack is SFC Hector Vazquez, who designed the Confidence Course for kids.*

cord, high-step through a maze of tires, climb a wall using a rope, zigzag around bright orange cones, and crawl through a couple sets of tunnels. Each of the kids received a certificate of appreciation signed by Col. Visker.

"I set one up for my son's birthday and all the kids had a great time," said Vazquez.

The fun the kids had with the Boot Camp and Confidence Course could only be matched by the emotion and inspiration evoked as a division of four F-18 Hornets flew overhead in a diamond formation. The crowd just heard a live, spirited rendition of "God Bless America" and the beginning to "Proud to Be An American" when the sights and sounds of the F-18's with lights on and landing gear down, roared overhead at approximately 1,000 feet.

Flying the mission was VFA-22, the "Fighting Redcocks" from NAS Lemoore. This squadron, stationed aboard the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-77), led the first air attack on the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"It was a great display of patriotism and a perfect opportunity for DDJC to take an active role in community activities," said Col. Visker.