

researching military support services. He learned everything to know about Sergeant Audie Murphy's military and civilian career. The selection board, made up of local Army Sergeant Majors, measured the depth of his knowledge and skills as a leader and a soldier. He passed a physical fitness test which has higher standards than the Army Fitness requirements. He was scored on his military bearing and counseling skills. He was presented with scenarios he might encounter as a soldier and a leader, and had to offer the best solution. He demonstrated hands-on knowledge such as applying first aid techniques to a mannequin that represented a wounded soldier. "They test you on how you think on your feet, in any possible situation," said Serra.

The Club began in 1986 within Audie Murphy's Texas Third Division. By 1994, it was applied Army wide. Not all who are nominated become a member. If a Soldier fails to meet any standard in the process, he cannot continue. If

nominated again, he may go through the process the next quarter year. It is a standard that soldiers revere, even those deployed in Iraq can be inducted within the combat zone.

In his 16-year military career, Serra has only known two other Army Parachute Riggers who were inducted into the Audie Murphy Club. He has always recognized and respected what this elite Club signifies. In the past, he tried to convince his NCOs to undergo the rigorous preparation required to pass the selection board. "As a leader in the Army, I can't ask a soldier to do something I am not willing to do myself," said Serra. That is one reason why he reached for this goal, and now his aspiration is to retire as a Command Sergeant Major. He is also better prepared as a leader to assist his soldiers, even to encourage them to be scrutinized by a board of Sergeant Majors so that they too can be a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.



Mrs. Deborah A. Serra, of North Myrtle Beach, SC, proudly stands along side of her husband, SFC Felix Serra, USA.

Employees awarded for streamlining distribution processes at DDDK

By Ben Jackson, DDC



Pete Halseth, Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK), receives the first DDDK Commander's coin from LTC Jim Lippstreu, USA, DDDK Commander. Halseth was instrumental in streamlining distribution for DDDK on the Korean Peninsula.



Sim Hong Taek, Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK), Korean Local National Executive Administrator, was recognized by LTC Lippstreu for his superior performance in streamlining the distribution process at DDDK with an On-the-Spot cash award.



Kim Yu Sok, Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK), Transportation Team Leader, received an On-the-Spot cash award from LTC Lippstreu in recognition of his superior performance in streamlining the distribution process at DDDK.