

# DLA's Barstow distribution center introduces new crane

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DLA Distribution Barstow, Calif., recently acquired a new member of its family: a 100-ton saddle crane. With the organization's mission increasing as a result of the railcar shipping of cross-leveling of operational assets from Albany, Ga., and the addition of roll-back assets from Iraq coming to the Marine Corps Logistics Command maintenance center to be refurbished or renovated, a more reliable crane was needed to service the depot.

Specifically used for large tanks, ship and submarine drive shafts and propellers, and any other large vehicle or materiel up to 100 tons, DLA Distribution Barstow has increased its ability to load and offload vehicles by 20 tons. Its spacious outdoor storage operations and because the LOGCOM center is collocated makes the new crane an optimal choice.

"Having a 'brand new' reliable piece of equipment will eventually add up to a major



**A new 100-ton capacity crane helps DLA Distribution Barstow, Calif., complete the offload of large vehicles.**

cost savings," said Matthew Balough, DLA Distribution Barstow contracting officer representative. "The old crane was 25 years old and was not mission capable or fully mission capable, thus forcing us to rent equipment in order to accomplish our mission."

A two day operator's course is required for all employees

to become certified to operate the crane, including one day in the classroom and one day of operational instruction. The initial training of six personnel was received directly from the manufacturer, ShuttleLift.



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