

and tracking materiel to get their equipment and vehicles back into the fight and the satisfaction of being able to support the Warfighter from behind the lines,” he said.



*MAJ William T. Klaus, USAR, of the Army Reserve Detachment New Cumberland, PA, passes the DLA colors to SKCM Danny J. Schneider, SW/AW, USN, to signify the passing of responsibility of DLA Contingency Support Team-Iraq (DCST-IZ) customer service representative.*

planning of Armed Forces Day, an annual event where thousands of people in the community interact with local military service members and organizations. We at DDSP feel the loss as SSG Brittain has moved on as a Drill Sergeant specializing in training other paratroopers,” said DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN.



*SSG Steve Brittain, USA, (left) is receiving a Joint Service Commendation Medal from DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN (right).*

## DDSP's SSG Brittain Receives JSCM

*By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs*

SSG Steve Brittain, USA, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service as Inspector/Tester and Operations Noncommissioned Officer in Charge at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) where he was responsible for the classification of more than 10,000 aerial delivery items. SSG Brittain also conducted inspections on critical life-sustaining air delivery equipment. In addition, he scheduled a dozen successful Airborne Operations in coordination with the Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training Program. The Army Airborne Riggers stationed at DDSP are the only Riggers assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency.

“SSG Brittain played a vital role not only in our Air Delivery mission, but was proactive in the

## DDPH's SK2 Rosal Commended for Outstanding Service

*By Jessica Walter-Groft, DDC Command Affairs*

SK2 Anthony Rosal, USN, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments as Assistant Leading Petty Officer and Tiger Team Lead of the Operations Support Division at Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH).

By developing a dynamic customer-focused team, SK2 Rosal was directly responsible for providing support for workload surges and completing an intense warehouse storage aid reorganization and modernization plan that saved DDPH more than \$350,000 in man hours and other production related costs.

“Petty Officer Rosal is an outstanding leader,” praised

CDR Joe Vitelli, SC, USN, DDPH Commander. “His commitment to duty motivates his team to complete our mission to support the Warfighter.”

SK2 Rosal was also selected as one of the Ten Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year in 2003.



*DDPH Operations Officer LCDR Chris Anderson, SC, USN, presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal to SK2 Rosal.*

## Marine Recovering from Sniper Shot Reclaims Prized Medal

*By Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDCSP Public Affairs*

LCpl Matthew J. Brown, USMC, left for basic training in September of 2003, a month before his 19th birthday. He deployed to Iraq the following June. In addition to the protective gear issued by the Marine Corps, Matt wore a symbol of his own spiritual belief close to his heart – a St. Michael’s medal. He had worn it since his brother and two close friends were spared in a tragic car accident. Grateful for the Saint’s protection, they had their names engraved, along with Matt’s on the back of the medal.

On November 10, 2004, Matt was wounded in battle during the first day of the U.S. offensive maneuvers in the Iraqi city of Fallujah. In his words, “All hell broke loose,” and it wasn’t long before bullets starting flying and

a sniper shot the machine gunner in the upper thigh. Matt was treated at a Bravo Surgical trauma unit, quickly transferred to Germany, and ultimately admitted to the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland where the surgeons took veins from his calf to repair the damage to his thigh.

Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) employee John Brown is Matt’s father. He stayed by Matt’s hospital bed as often as possible. He was glad for the day when his son wasn’t so groggy from the pain medication and they were able to talk. Matt remembers being shot, vaguely recalls his buddies carrying him to help, and then waking up at a base in Germany. Although he was grateful for his life, he became distressed that his St. Michael’s medal was missing. It weighed so much on his mind that when the Commandant of the Marine Corps presented Matt his Purple Heart, Matt replied, “Sir, this is really nice, but what I really want is my St. Michael’s medal back.”

Father LCDR Ron Camarda, USN, was at Bravo Surgical when the Lance Corporal was brought bleeding into the trauma unit. Matt



*LCpl Matthew Brown, USMC, earned a Purple Heart for his valor, but was more concerned with finding the medal he lost in battle.*