

DDC selects employees

The Defense Distribution Center's employees of the quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 were announced Feb. 4.

There were 17 individual and team nominations from across DDC's network. Each of those nominated were recognized for their contributions to DDC's mission of providing distribution support to America's war fighters around the world.

The General Schedule Employee of the Quarter was Penny Graff, a supply specialist and customer service representative at Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa.

Graff was selected for her work on improving DDTP's receiving processes. During the quarter, Graff was

instrumental in processing more than 45,000 lines of unserviceable and battle-damaged equipment and personally processed more than 9,000 lines of communications and electronic equipment. Graff was also selected as the Employee of the Quarter by the Defense Logistics Agency.

"Penny Graff ranks as the most customer-oriented logistician I have ever observed," said Army Lt. Col. Michael Talley, DDTP's commander. "She has clearly demonstrated a high degree of technical proficiency, an acute sense of teamwork and relentless support to the war fighter during this quarter."

The Wage Grade Employee of the Quarter

was Rock Mircovich, a distribution process worker at Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mircovich's dedication and consistently noteworthy performance during the quarter also led to two performance awards.

"Rock has received many local awards for his outstanding performance and work ethic," said Army Lt. Col. Robert Maxham, DDCT's commander. "His dedication and incredible performance are instrumental to DDCT's success."

Kathy Boersma, a supervisory transportation assistant at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was selected as DDC's Supervisor of the

Quarter.

Boersma, who works in the Shipment Planning Branch, ensures the efficient operation of all 18 lanes of dedicated trucks that serve 87 Department of Defense delivery points. During the quarter, this represented more than 230,000 lines of materiel delivered overnight up and down the West Coast. She also coordinates with branch personnel to ensure the more than 200 daily expedited shipments are processed efficiently.

The team of the quarter was the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, or TCSP, in Kuwait.

During the quarter, the members of the team rebooked more than 1,000 containers of critical



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supplies from the TCSP at Camp Arifjan to U.S. war fighters in Iraq.

“The team’s effort and accomplishments have greatly improved the capabilities of DDKS’ TCSP and the overall quality of the support provided to our war fighters,” said, Col. Clayton Newton, DDKS’ commanding officer.

Team members include TCSP Chief Army Lt. Col. Dianne Butts, Teresa Lowry, Bryan Eldridge, Johnny Akines, Rupel Perkins, Randy Farmer, Ephrom Barker, Crimson Jessup and Ray Chapman.

Petty Officer Second Class Keith Marshall, a Navy Hospital Corpsman assigned to Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan, was

selected as the Defense Distribution Center’s Junior Enlisted Servicemember of the Quarter.

Serving as a vault custodian, Marshall managed and maintained 100 percent inventory accuracy of the materiel in his care, which was valued at more than \$15 million. He monitored the processing and shipping of all Cold Chain Management materials and was personally responsible for eliminating unnecessary shipping expenses while maximizing materiel availability to forward deployed units in the Seventh and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. His efforts resulted in shipping cost savings of more than \$20,000 during the first

quarter alone.

“Petty Officer Marshall exemplified the dedication, professionalism and leadership that we expect of our best noncommissioned officers,” said Navy Cmdr. Paul J. Bourgeois, DDYJ’s commander.

Sergeant 1st Class Jose Rosario, a transportation noncommissioned officer and branch chief at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was selected as the DDC’s Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter.

During the quarter, Rosario reduced branch overtime by more than 40 percent by studying the branch’s allocated resources, workload and employee tours of duty, and rearranged the schedule to

use each more efficiently.

“Sergeant Rosario epitomizes those rare qualities most sought in today’s military professional: integrity, commitment and a burning desire to excel,” said Army Col. David Rodriguez, DDJC’s commander.

Lieutenant Cmdr. Curtis Culwell, the officer-in-charge of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa.’s detachment in nearby Mechanicsburg, Pa., was selected as the DDC’s Field Grade Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

During the quarter, the site, known as DDSP West, processed more than 830,000 orders and 220,000 re-warehousing actions.



The Defense Distribution Center’s Team of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 was Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia’s Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point. Pictured above, from left to right, are Bryan Eldridge, Ray Chapman, Crimson Jessup, TCSP Chief Army Lt. Col. Dianne Butts, Teresa Lowry, Ephrom Barker and Randy Farmer. Not pictured are Johnny Akines and Rupel Perkins.



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