

Former distribution site wins DLA Environmental Award, transfers land to community

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The seventh annual Defense Logistics Agency Environmental Award winner for 2007 was the former Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tenn. The former depot is a 1995 Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, site with a highly effective BRAC Cleanup Team, or BCT.

The BCT includes DLA, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

“The BCT successfully overcame significant challenges this year to keep the cleanup projects on schedule and within budget by identifying innovative approaches to expedite cleanup,” said Mike Dobbs, chief of the Defense Distribution Center’s Environmental Safety and Occupational Health division. He is also the leader of the BCT.

“The BCT, along with the collective commitment of the Restoration Advisory Board and community members to the cleanup and restoration of the former depot’s property, have ensured that this project has remained on schedule,” said Dobbs.

The BCT’s forward thinking and accomplishments throughout the cleanup include starting remedial actions early in the process and



Army Lt. Gen. Robert Dail, left, director of the Defense Logistics Agency, presents the DLA Environmental Protection Award to Army Brig. Gen Lynn Collyar, second from left, commander of the Defense Distribution Center. Also present for the presentation were Senior Executive Patrick Dulin, second from right, director of DLA Enterprise Support, and DLA Command Sgt. Maj. David Roman, right. (Photo by DLA Headquarters)

transferring land for reuse as it was restored.

During the quarter, the team was able to meet suitability to transfer requirements for 422 acres of land. Much of the land was subsequently used by the Depot Redevelopment Corporation as an industrial park. Some pieces of land were used to help other local community groups, including land for housing for homeless veterans, a golf course for urban children and property for the construction of a Memphis Police Department precinct.

The former depot was DLA’s nomination in the environmental restoration category for the 2006 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards and received an honorable mention.

DDJC employees support local, national charities

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The employees of Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, located in Tracy, Calif., continuously contribute monetary and food donations to local charities of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and outlying counties in addition to national organizations on an annual basis.

The three annual charity events that the distribution center participates in are the Central Valley/Sierra Combined Federal Campaign, the Second Harvest Food Bank Turkey Drive, and the Canned Food Drive. The workforce gives unselfishly and believes in providing help to the less fortunate in their local community.

“I am extremely pleased that DDJC has such a caring and compassionate workforce,” said Adriaan Adendorff, DDJC deputy commander. “It makes me very proud to work with a fine group of people who enjoy giving and making a difference in the lives of others.”

The Central Valley/Sierra Combined Federal Campaign promotes philanthropy through an employee-focused program that gives federal employees the



Standing in front of a truck filled with turkeys destined for low income families are, from left to right, Ed Enfield, chief of Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif.'s Community and Family Services Branch; Army Col. David Rodriguez, DDJC's commander; Sherry Stevens, Second Harvest Food Bank and Joe Perry, chief of DDJC's Operation Group.

opportunity to improve the quality of life for everyone. This year, DDJC contributed more than \$104,000, exceeding their goal of \$102,000.

Teaming up with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties, DDJC employees provided 545 turkeys to

low-income families in need of a holiday meal. They also donated more than 1,300 pounds of canned food items to the food bank.