

DDC's Troup and DDPW's Braget nominated for SDDC Excellence in Traffic Management Award

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Traffic Management Specialists Sherri Troup and Karen Braget were recently nominated for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Award for Excellence in Traffic Management.

Troup, of the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) Logistics Operations Division is a senior member of the DDC Enterprise Transportation team, overseeing 29 employees. Troup and her team provide vendors and defense supply centers with rate and routing information, air clearances, and addresses. They also coordinate with contracting officers, procurement policy offices, buyers and vendors to solve contract-related transportation issues.

"She exemplifies the drive, skill, knowledge and foresight required by all talented traffic managers," commended Rich Hawkins, Chief of DDC's Transportation Operations Branch, Logistics Operations.

Troup also served as the lead tester for the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS) Increment 1, free on board (FOB) origin, and assisted with the development of training for DPMS users.

Braget, Traffic Management Specialist at Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, Wash. (DDPW), was also nominated for the award. "Karen has been the driving force behind the success of DDPW's transportation office," said Susan Earle, DDPW Deputy Commander.

Following DDPW's transition to more streamlined operations

after an A-76 public-private competition for mission work, Braget single-handedly trained six new transportation assistants to ensure the transition was transparent to the Warfighters relying on DDPW to provide essential supplies.

"Karen's extensive knowledge, outstanding leadership and personal commitment to

customer service were key factors in our successful transition and the continued superior performance of the DDPW transportation office," commended DDPW Commanding Officer CDR Bill Bailey, SC, USN.

According to Bailey, Braget personally coordinated more than 1,500 shipments with air freight forwarders in support of critical off-site operations for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. "Her counter-to-counter delivery program is the envy of shipyards all around the world," he said.

Braget has also been instrumental in the rapid transportation of critical supplies in support of military fighting the War on Terror and relief efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, or SDDC, will select a recipient for the award from each military service, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Coast Guard, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The award will be presented during the National Defense Transportation Association Forum in September.



DDPW Traffic Management Specialist Karen Braget.



DDC Traffic Management Specialist Sherri Troup.

