

DDMA's TSgt Munoz named DDC NCO of the Quarter

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TSgt Jose Munoz, USAF, of the Defense Distribution Mapping Activity (DDMA) has been selected as the DDC Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the third quarter of fiscal year 2006.

"Through his professional skill, knowledge and leadership, TSgt Munoz has provided outstanding support to the Warfighter," commended DDMA

Commanding Officer CDR John Pearson, SC, USN.

According to CDR Pearson, TSgt Munoz was at the "top of his spear" when he provided more than 1,400 maps for ongoing Army missions in Iraq and the Bulkans. Munoz also supported Air Force

customers deployed to Lithuania, Bulgaria and Canada.

TSgt Munoz was instrumental in eliminating thousands of outdated

products as part of a re-warehousing project, CDR Pearson said. "His efforts made an estimated 600 bin locations available for future product additions."

TSgt Munoz also played a key role in reducing time necessary

to process items in Receiving. "His vast logistics knowledge, coupled with his familiarity with internal processes allowed him to streamline our receiving processes on foreign-produced map products," said CDR Pearson.



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DDJC Mechanization Branch Inventory Accuracy Team named DDC Team of the Quarter

Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), Mechanization Branch Inventory Accuracy Team, or BC IA Team, was named Defense Distribution Center Team of the Quarter,

Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2006. Team members include Clayton Phillips, Distribution Process Worker Supervisor; Perri Anderson, Materials Handler; Lynette S. Isaacson, Materials Handler; Diane L. Keener, Materials Handler Leader; Sandra L. Kuykendall, Distribution Process Worker Leader; and Lyle D. Westwood, Distribution Process Worker Leader.

The BC IA Team was formed in January 2006 to improve the inventory accuracy throughout the Mechanization Branch.

The Team statement is, "We are committed to improving Inventory

Accuracy through observation, research, innovation, and implementation. We strive for continuous improvement in order to provide superior customer service to all our customers, both internal and external. We value our resources they have entrusted to our care. Together we can make a difference!"

The Team goals are to remain focused on safety first; achieve and maintain a 99 percent inventory accuracy level on all high dollar items and a 97 percent inventory accuracy level for all other items throughout the Mechanization Branch. Additionally, they seek to improve customer satisfaction, reduce costs, eliminate double handling, improve on-time performance, and improve material flow throughout the division. They've focused on achieving this by developing effective relationships and collaborations with their internal supplier (Receiving) and their internal customer (Packing) to ensure accurate Inventory Accuracy plans throughout the division. They also encourage active participation from all employees throughout the organization, whether it is in the form of suggestions, ideas, or assistance in implementation. They acknowledge any and all contributions.

Already the Team has accomplished much, said DDJC's Lueathel Seawood. For example, too much time was being spent double handing material from both Bin and Bulk

Receiving, monopolizing much of the WG-06's and Leader's time which could be better used for research and maintaining inventory accuracy. Numerous man hours were being used to sort receipt pallets by destination causing delays in getting this material to the zones for stowing, Seawood said. The Team's solution: Implementation of the Pallet Routing Guide.

Focusing on time savings, approximately 10 to 14 man-hours of daily support time have been alleviated in Warehouse 16 Mechanization Branch, alone, Seawood said. By requiring receiving to sort material by zones, several unnecessary "touches" have been eliminated.

The new method has had a major impact on the timeliness in which the receipts are stowed. This is mainly due to the fact that when the pallets are delivered to Warehouse 16, the Forklift Operator is able to distribute the pallets to the appropriate zones immediately.

In Warehouse 15 and 17, man-hours are saved because every pallet that is loaded onto a platform is destined for one zone only. Now the employee stowing does not have to drive to several zones to stow one pallet.

Another issue the Team focused on was that selectors sometimes do not notice the Unit of Issue on the pick ticket (MRO) when selecting, Seawood said. The Team's solution: to draw special attention to locations containing material that has a Unit of Issue other than "each" or