

DDTP recognized for support to Missile Defense Agency

Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa. (DDTP), personnel received certificates of appreciation from COL Gale Harrington, USA, project manager, Defense Communications and Transmission Systems, for their support in the shipment of an auxiliary communications shelter in May.

The auxiliary communication shelter is designed to be integrated into missile interceptor systems using land-based radar.

Left to right: Most Efficient Organization (MEO) Site Manager Penny Graff, Crane Operator John Jones, Rigging Worker Thomas Bonn, Distribution Process Worker Leader Eugene Thomas, Rigging Worker Stephen Cebrick, Distribution Process Worker Supervisor Michael Rufus, Distribution Process Worker Adam Olisewski.



DDAG continues to provide specialized support to HMMWV armor project

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Employees from the Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. (DDAG), have a new high priority requirement to provide 3,000 armor kit crates to their primary customer, Marine Corps Maintenance Center Albany.

The kits built by DDAG will be used by the maintenance center to ship life-saving armor overseas to fortify High-Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs). The armor helps to protect Warfighters from improvised explosive devices (IEDs), grenade and mine fragments, and small arms fire.



Woodworker Al Lundy completes fabrication of the top of the crate by nailing the sides together.

“Each kit requires six to eight hours to build,” said MSgt Tony Brooks, USMC, DDAG’s Joint Logistics Operations Chief.

According to MSgt Brooks, the kits being completed in-house will require more than 7,500 fiberboard boxes, about 6,250 pieces of cut fiberboard, more than 16,000 laminate blocks for bracing, and nearly 14,000 labels.

DDC Commander Maj Kent Wheeler, USMC, says the requirement is demanding, but his workforce is more than ready. “We’re up for the challenge,” he said. “Through Lean practices, we’ve made significant reductions in the time



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Woodworker Doug Clayton secures the top frame.

needed to complete the mission.” DDAG’s process improvements have resulted in an 80 percent reduction in the time needed for the base building procedure alone.

MSgt Brooks cites a highly motivated group as the source of DDAG’s success in supporting the armor kit mission. “The employees are eager to take on the task and they demonstrate incomparable team spirit, pulling together to get the project done.”

To meet customer requirements, DDAG expects to have 2,700 armor kit crates completed before Thanksgiving.

“Do you know what DDAG stands for? Dependable, decisive, adequate, and genuine. That’s what DDAG stands for,” said MSgt Brooks. “And we’re proud of it!”



Distribution Process Workers Willie Williams (left) and Ken Fry put bolts in the base of the crate.



Supply Technicians Althea Williams (left) and Nelia Davis assemble the skid bottom.

DDJC’s Averitt finder of lost duffles

By Annette Silva, DDJC Command Affairs

SSG Lloyd Shellenberger, USA, is feeling a whole lot better since Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif.’s (DDJC) Art Averitt, a materials handler in Bin Receiving, found his duffle bag. The bag was stuffed full of uniforms and field gear such as a Kevlar helmet, canteen, compass, ammo pouch, and a first aid kit.

The Army reservists had shipped his duffle bag to his San Diego home from Florida in November. It had been lost ever since.

Averitt found the bag in a box of undeliverable items that a carrier brought to DDJC.

“I looked through the duffle bag and noticed he was in my same unit, the 63rd ARCOM (Army Reserve Command),” said Averitt, who recently retired from the reserve unit after 21 years.

Averitt got on the phone to his old unit to find an address for the Staff Sergeant.

“He thanked me for getting it to him,” said Averitt. “He was getting ready to pay for losing his equipment.” Averitt estimates the cost would run around \$500.

When the DDJC Commander, COL Doug Serrano, USA, heard the news, he promptly awarded Averitt one of his commander’s coins.



DDJC materials handler Art Averitt.