

DDWG's Transportation Officer graduates program

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Janice Griffin, Transportation Officer for Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Ga., or DDWG, recently graduated from the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Supply and Transportation Fellows Program.

The program is a year-long, hands-on leadership development program designed to enhance the career development of selected mid-level logistics professionals, by providing them with significant headquarters-level experience.

"The Fellows Program has been an enriching experience for me," Griffin said. "I gained insight into how the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the military services, defense agencies, and joint committees develop and implement supply chain and transportation policy."

While assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Transportation Policy and Office of the Secretary of Defense for Supply Chain Integration, Griffin completed a number of critical research projects and participated in high-level working groups that helped shape Department of Defense policy and improve DoD transportation and supply chain management.

Griffin coordinated with initiative leads on the Supply Chain Management High Risk Plan and developed a process to provide timely input. She researched and supported two important Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation cases regarding visibility of materiel outside the Defense Transportation System and duty-free provisions under Status-of-Forces Agreements for service type contracts.

During her tour at Headquarters Defense Logistics Agency she led an effort to resolve Foreign Military Sales issues at Consolidation and Containerization Points and aerial ports. Her recommendations led to significant

improvement in the FMS shipment process and procedures that were incorporated into the DLA One Book.

"My assignment at DLA Headquarters afforded me the unique opportunity to contribute my input on policy and procedures that will directly effect distribution center operations as well as DoD transportation policy," said Griffin.

Griffin completed her year with an assignment to the United States Transportation Command supporting the DOD Families First Program. Her systems contract transitions efforts contributed greatly to the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's relocation to Scott Air Force Base.

Griffin has more than 27 years of transportation experience and has served as the Transportation Officer at DDWG since December 2004. Prior to attending the program Griffin helped with the initial planning for DDWG's

transition to a strategic distribution platform.

Since returning to DDWG, Griffin has resumed her role as the DDWG Transportation Officer, managing the distribution center's transportation and traffic management programs in support of Robins Air Force Base Air Logistics Center and the military services worldwide. She is heavily involved in the planning and staffing of the Transportation Division as DDWG transitions from a contractor-operated to a government-operated depot.

"With the many opportunities facing DDWG in our transition to a government workforce and eventually into an SDP," Griffin said, "I gladly accept these opportunities with the understanding that my efforts are in alignment with the DLA Enterprise Strategic Plan."



Janice Griffin, center, transportation officer, Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Ga., receives her graduation certificate from Alan Estevez, right, Principal Assistant Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness and Earl Boyanton, left, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Transportation Policy. Griffin recently graduated from the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Supply and Transportation Fellows Program.