

DCST-DOT San Joaquin Reservists support DLA customers

Defense Distribution Center (DDC) reservists step up to the plate again to answer the call of duty. One of DDC's Navy Reserve units, the Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team – Distribution Operations Team (DCST-DOT) San Joaquin, which drills at the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), has sent personnel to various parts of the world.

SK1 Dennis Hatch, USNR, recently served in Iraq as the Contracting Officer Representative for DLA at Camp Victory on a six-month tour. Petty Officer Hatch planned, scheduled and executed the removal of hazardous waste at all the Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in Iraq.

"I liked the challenges and rewards of getting the contractor to the FOBs and having the customers' sites cleaned up. Each day entailed something different, good or bad, which always seems to work out. If it's not road closures or improvised explosive devices, it's some other hurdle to overcome," said SK1 Hatch.

Petty Officer Hatch's deployment ended in January 2006. He had the choice of retiring prior to the deployment but chose to go to Iraq. "I felt it was my duty, and I am honored to serve DLA, the Navy, and the United States of America," declared SK1 Hatch.

SKCS Oscar Malig, USNR, was tapped to serve with the DCST team in Afghanistan.

In addition to being the Senior Enlisted Advisor, his main mission was to expedite critical weapons systems parts, which included howitzers, radar systems, and runway matting systems, to name a few.

His work involved travels to parts of Southwest Asia. In addition to attending maintenance meetings, an important part of his schedule was briefing the Deputy Commanding General twice a week about status of critical parts for deadline

equipment in the entire theater.

Although most of his work involved interacting with the Army, SKCS Malig also supported the other branches of the service like the A-10 Warthog Squadron of the Air Force. He also supported the Navy and the Marines by keeping a good relationship with them as they rotated in and out of the theater.

SKCS Malig also taught several training classes on web-based logistics tools to a Reserve Army engineering task force as well as to personnel of the Joint Logistics Command. Additionally, on Sundays he served as a minister of the Eucharist at the Base Chapel.

SKCS Malig served three tours in SWA under Operation Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom from June 2004 through September 2005. He is now back with his unit.



SK1 Hatch (left) and another DCST member at Baghdad Airport, Iraq.



SKCS Malig (center) participated in the Humanitarian Outreach Program of the Joint Logistics Command at a school being built by the U.S. around Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. Class was conducted outdoors on a turf while waiting for the school to be finished.

DDMA trio honored by EUCOM

Terry Young, Patrick Clement, and SSgt Jose Munoz, USAF, of Defense Distribution Mapping Activity's (DDMA) Map Support Office Germany each received a letter of appreciation and a recognition coin on behalf of the U.S. European Command's National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Officer for efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

The trio uncorked customs and delivery bottlenecks for 52 boxes of maps headed for Foreign Military Sales customers and charts destined for NATO's, or North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps located in Mönchengladbach, Germany. Their efforts guaranteed seamless support to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force operations in Afghanistan.



Holding certificates of appreciation are Terry Young, Patrick Clement, and SSgt Jose Munoz, USAF, of DDMA's Map Support Office Germany. They are accompanied by the MSO Germany Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, SMSgt Donald Landon, USAF.