

## DDC nominates Frey, Hodge, Bierly for DLA Employee of the Quarter

**Their expertise, diligence and positive attitudes enable DDC to provide world-class support to Warfighters**

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) nominated three employees for the DLA Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of fiscal year 2006: Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa. (DDTP) Distribution Process Worker Justin Frey, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP) Storage Specialist Donald Bierly, and Margie Hodge who is responsible for security, safety, environmental and radiation protection programs at Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Ga. (DDWG).

"He is very energetic and he immediately takes the initiative to resolve problems," said DDTP Commander LTC Yvonne MacNamara, USA, of Justin Frey.

As a distribution process worker in DDTP's receiving area on the Light Distribution Team, Frey is highly skilled in various warehouse functions. Frey has played a key role in continuing to improve DDTP's service to the Warfighter according to LTC MacNamara.

### **Justin Frey, DDTP**

Taking the initiative to implement quality assurance and control procedures as well

as kind, count and condition inspections, Frey's contributions have been vital to decreasing DDTP's denial rate to less than half of the DLA minimum standard, ensuring that the right item is in the right place.

According to LTC MacNamara, Frey has also been instrumental in DDTP's Swarm inventory clean up effort. The largest inventory initiative ever undertaken by DDTP, the Swarm cleanup involved counts across nearly 92 percent of the warehouse locations. "The overall success of our Swarm clean up to date is due, in large part, to Justin's contributions," said LTC MacNamara.

Due to his vast technical expertise and excellent working relationship with the local Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), Frey also serves as the primary point of contact for all Disposal Release Orders. "He is an expert in identifying mixed stock to expedite receipt and Disposal Release Orders," said LTC MacNamara.

"He's just an outstanding employee. He willingly shares knowledge and he is a motivator for everyone



*Distribution Process Worker Justin Frey has been instrumental in improving DDTP's overall efficiency and ability to serve the Warfighter.*

—subordinates, peers and superiors alike," said LTC MacNamara.

### **Margi Hodge, DDWG**

Another employee nominated for the award was Margie Hodge, DDWG's single point of contact

for all issues pertaining to security, safety, environmental and radiation protection programs.

With 23 years of federal service, Hodge is responsible for ensuring all DDWG contractor personnel have the appropriate clearances and identification badges.

Hodge also makes sure classified assets are accounted for properly. After identifying potential security vulnerabilities, Hodge implemented a training course so contracted employees are properly educated on the handling of classified material.

"Ms. Hodge has an exceptional safety program which has resulted in no CGA [Continuing Government Activity] employee or property accidents in the last five years," said DDWG Commander Col Elizabeth Moore, USAF. Hodge also established a no tolerance rule for employees who fail to use safety harnesses while operating stock selectors.

According to Col Moore, Hodge's expertise, research and constant oversight have saved the Air Force thousands of dollars when she was able to have a sizeable portion of radioactive material removed and recycled to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

"She is very knowledgeable of the distribution operations at DDWG and maintains a good working relationship with her counterparts," said Col Moore.

### **Donald Bierly, DDSP**

Donald Bierly, Storage Specialist at DDSP, rounded out the group of employees nominated by DDC.

"His performance has been exceptional," noted DDSP Commander CAPT Jim Naber, SC, and USN.

Considered proficient, knowledgeable and dedicated by his supervisors, Bierly was



*DDWG's Margie Hodge is responsible for the security, safety, environmental and radiation protection programs at DDWG.*

instrumental in key operational improvements that resulted in enhanced efficiencies in the DSL's Eastern Distribution Center (EDC), the largest warehouse in the Department of Defense.

Bierly was responsible for the relocation of hundreds of thousands of items from dormant stock, making additional storage room available for more highly demanded items. "His oversight has improved workload management and increased our efficiency," said CAPT Naber.

Bierly also expedited pending customer backorders by processing more than 2,000 special holding area receipts.

"Mr. Bierly's service has been highlighted by his tireless efforts that have directly benefited America's Warfighters," commended CAPT Naber.

Bierly, Hodge and Frey were considered for the award among other Employee of the Quarter candidates from across DLA.



*Storage Specialist Donald Bierly's commitment to improving efficiencies at DDSP earned him a nomination for the DLA Employee of the Quarter.*