

Corps Cmdr. Joe Vitelli as an “energetic leader who is committed to innovative thinking,” O’Brien designed an inventory accuracy program that resulted in an annual cost avoidance estimated at nearly \$2 million.

According to Vitelli, O’Brien has also been instrumental in the improvement of DDPH’s overall performance score of 98 percent – the best in the distribution center’s history.

Safety scores have also improved during O’Brien’s tenure. According to Vitelli, O’Brien was directly responsible for a 72 percent decrease in safety findings during the first safety audit conducted after he came to DDPH.

Through the implementation of warehouse modernization efforts, O’Brien was able to improve efficiency at DDPH. “By consolidating spaces, he increased our storage capacity by nearly 40,000 square feet,” said Vitelli

O’Brien also serves as the Joint Logistics Lead for Joint Regional Inventory Material Management, or JRIMM, an initiative focused on streamlining the flow of materiel through the Department of Defense Supply Chain. The result is increased inventory availability and decreased processing times.

“Mike is truly an asset to the DDPH team and very deserving of this award. His foresight, professionalism and dedication to duty are incomparable,” said Vitelli.

## Former DDC Commander inducted into DLA Hall of Fame

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*Retired Army Brig. Gen. Barbara Doornink, second from left, poses with DLA Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail and the DLA 2006 Hall of Fame inductees.*

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Barbara Doornink, former Commander for the Defense Distribution Center, was inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency’s Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at the McNamara headquarters complex, Ft. Belvoir, Va., June 27. Officiating the ceremony was DLA Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail.

Doornink, who served as DDC’s commander from July 1998 to August 2000, was honored for her outstanding leadership resulting in a number of major contributions to the agency and to the nation’s security.

Under her leadership, DDC, as the distribution proponent for the Department of Defense, transformed distribution into an efficient and effective logistics foundation for the Combatant Commands and military services. Doornink embarked on an epic depot transformation to support all customers and improve velocity and visibility of the Department of Defense’s distribution process. During her tenure, DDC completed the first round of A-76 competition at Defense Distribution Depots Columbus, Ohio; Barstow, Calif.; and Warner Robins, Ga. These competitions, and the lessons learned from each, set the standard for future A-76 competitions within DDC, resulting in an estimated cost savings of more \$203 million.

During her tour, DDC activated two new distribution facilities at Yokosuka, Japan, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, transitioning distribution capabilities from the United States Navy to the Defense Logistics Agency – a transition that was seamless to the customers. She accomplished this transition while continuing to reduce DDC’s annual budget by \$83.8 million.

Doornink opened many doors with civilian industry and continued benchmarking and partnering with a variety of organizations. Through her personal marketing efforts, she made

customers aware of, and interested in, the DDC vision of innovative and tailored logistics support. Service schools became interested in learning about DDC and have now made a DDC orientation part of their curriculum – training our military leaders of the future.

“I’m humbled by the cast of previous Hall of Fame inductees that I join,” said Doornink.

She created the DDC identity by instilling three words that described what DDC and distribution was all about: velocity, visibility, and value. “The definition of distribution is the velocity of getting things to war fighters in a timely manner, the visibility of where that action is to the customer and their confidence knowing it’s on its way, and the value to the customer – knowing that ordering from DLA was, and is, the best deal.”

The initiatives spearheaded by Doornink continue to enable DDC to optimize its global distribution system through best practices in supply chain management, provide logistics process improvement change recommendations to balance customer service, cost, readiness, and sustainability ensuring DDC will continue to provide effective support to the war fighter and remain relevant in the ever-changing DOD environment.

The DLA Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor former members of the DLA team who made significant and enduring contributions to the agency. Membership in the Hall of Fame is open to all former DLA military and civilian personnel regardless of rank or grade.

## DDAA’s Dorthard named DDC Employee of the Quarter

Kurt Dorthard, Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Ala., small arms repair inspector, was named Defense Distribution Center Employee of the Quarter, second quarter, fiscal year 2007.

“Dothard has shown an exceptional work ethic in the Weapons Branch of DDAA,” said Army Lt. Col. Rick Harney, DDAA Commander. His duties include providing expert small arms knowledge to the entire branch on a daily basis.

In the past few months, Dothard has also been assigned to do the Care of Stock in Storage, or COSIS, and visual inspections in two DDAA warehouses each month. This workload represents more than 60 percent of the total COSIS and visual inspection workload at DDAA, and he has completed them each month on time with zero errors, Harney said. DDAA has since hired a crew of inspectors to do the COSIS and visual inspections that Dothard did alone.

“Kurt’s ‘can do’ attitude sets him apart from other folks everyday,” said Harney.

## DDSP’s Lightner named DDC Employee of the Quarter

Supply Technician Jay Lightner of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., was named Defense Distribution Center Employee of the Quarter, second quarter, fiscal year 2007.

Lightner consistently provides superior performance in all assigned duties, exhibiting a professional demeanor and sharp attention to detail, said Alice Crocker, DDSP supervisory traffic management specialist.

In-depth understanding of supply regulations and policies coupled with common sense enable Lightner to resolve diverse problems and independently address many situations, Crocker said.

Lightner’s primary duties involve processing exception data Material Release Orders, or MROs, for the emergency supply operations center for next day or same day delivery. During fiscal year 2007, Lightner has processed approximately 75 percent of all MROs received on Saturday and Sunday, in many cases staying late or responding to call backs during off duty hours to ensure carrier pickup.

In addition, Lightner provides shipment status and readily assists customers with professionalism, skill, tact and diplomacy, Crocker said.

Lightner’s contribution extends throughout the Eastern Distribution Center. His work proudly reflects his personal commitment.

“Jay is highly respected by his co-workers and peers, and sets high standards for others to achieve,” Crocker said.

At noon on a recent Saturday, the DDSP emergency supply operations center began receiving calls regarding a number of requisitions for USS Harry S. Truman.

Nearly all were designated for Mandatory Monday Delivery. But, the ship’s schedule required a Saturday pick up and the ship was able to dispatch a small aircraft to an airport located near DDSP.

Lightner immediately began collecting the parts along with several routine requisitions and consolidated them for shipment. The aircraft arrived a little before 8 p.m., where it was met by DDSP Commander Navy Capt. Jim Naber and Lightner. The parts were then passed off to a satisfied crew.



*Navy Capt. Rick Pawlawski, commander of Carrier Air Wing Three, right accepted a shipment for the USS Harry S. Truman that was collected in less than eight hours by Jay Lightner, DDSP supply technician, left.*