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Colonel Andre T. Harrell, USMC  
Commander  
Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, San Joaquin

Dear Colonel Harrell:

On behalf of the California Governor's Military Council, we want to congratulate you and your command team on its selection as the Defense Logistics Agency 2018 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. Defense Distribution Depot, San Joaquin has demonstrated excellence in accomplishing the mission, promoting military readiness, and supporting the warfighter and our international allies. Beyond this, you have shown a commitment to improving the quality of life for your soldiers, civilian employees and their families, both on and off base.

The Depot is a critical piece of California's network of military installations. Your innovative adoption of unique process improvement procedures and auditing teams have cemented your place as the standard for Defense Logistics Agency operations across the county. Beyond your work behind the fence line, the Depot is a vital partner to the greater local community. Your partnership with the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1546 to create a liaison organization between installation leadership, AFGE Local 1546 leadership, and the Depot's workforce is a model for installation-workforce relations. Additionally, the Health and Wellness Council that you created to address quality of life and employee resiliency is pioneering the way that installations support employee wellness, quality of life and morale.

We are grateful to you and your team for your service and dedication to this state and our nation. Congratulations again on receiving the highest recognition from the Department of Defense, and keep up the mission-based excellence that you have so clearly demonstrated.

Sincerely,

Colonel Rocky Chávez, USMC, Retired  
Chair, Governor's Military Council  
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