



DLA Troop Support

2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

GINA VASQUEZ

Mrs. Gina Vasquez is being inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support Hall of Fame Class of 2023 for her outstanding mission support from 1977 to 2019. Mrs. Vasquez worked in the Subsistence Supply Chain, for her entire 42-year career, providing excellent contracting support to the nation's warfighters.

From Clerk Typist to the Director of Supplier Operations, Mrs. Vasquez's passion, enthusiasm, and dedication allowed her to rise from a GS-02 to a GS-15 during her tenure at DLA Troop Support and its legacy organizations. Within her final position as Subsistence's Director of Supplier Operations, she was responsible for the acquisition and logistics management of subsistence items to include garrison feeding, operational rations, produce and market ready requirements for the military services. Subsistence's average yearly support was approximately a \$2.7 billion business with operations running 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days worldwide with direct delivery contracts in war zones and frequent contingency and emergency support requirements.

Mrs. Vasquez's impact to acquisition and supplier relations was most visible in the numerous process improvements she made throughout the Subsistence prime vendor program and personally engaging contractors to ensure warfighters' needs were consistently met. In 2001, Mrs. Vasquez was an integral member of the DLA and U.S. Department of Agriculture team successfully piloting prime vendor support to Indian Tribe Organizations in the mid-west, and the organizations are still supported by Subsistence. In 2012, Mrs. Vasquez was also part of the team responsible for executing a White House initiative to forward-purchase bulk quantities of protein items to aid the drought-stricken agricultural industry.

Mrs. Vasquez was a successful leader because she always went above and beyond, with her energetic, driven, and optimistic character on full display. Her knowledge of the warfighter mission, and the function and relationships between DLA and the military services' operations to provide full spectrum contracting and logistical support was unparalleled. In addition to her commitment to acquisition excellence, Mrs. Vasquez was also dedicated to coaching and mentoring the acquisition workforce. Her interactions and initiatives led to a committed workforce who appreciated the value of what they did for DLA and the warfighter. Mrs. Vasquez personified the very best of what DLA Troop Support represents and the entire agency has benefited from her outstanding support to the warfighter and the nation.