



DLA Distribution Barstow, California

Valerie Bustamante

Deputy Director

Valerie Bustamante became the new Deputy Director of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Barstow, California, March 13, 2023. Bustamante is a native of Barstow, California. She began her career in 1995 as an Electronics Repair Technician at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, where she served over 28 years in army sustainment, logistics and supply distribution operations management. The National Training Center conducts a minimum of 10 annual rotations a year. Bustamante's logistics experience includes assignments in the supply and logistics readiness arena with Department of the Army operations group logistics management officer, defense threat reduction agency property book officer, joint improvised threat reduction agency property book officer, Raytheon logistics supervisor and Raytheon electronics repair supervisor. During Bustamante's tenure at NTC she supported Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Freedom Sentinel.



Bustamante accepted a new job on August 2020 for the Department of the Navy Marine Corp Logistics Base in Yermo, California as a Lead Inventory Management Specialist. In June 2022, she was hired by DDBC to serve as the Accountable Officer/ IAT Supervisor.

Her hard work and dedication as a civilian has been acknowledged with a letter and plaque of commendation as well as other awards.

Bustamante holds an associate degree in electronics engineering technology. Her education includes the Institute of Technology Professional Education for Logistics at the Graduate School USA in Washington, D.C., and Army Management Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

With a hot, dry desert climate, Barstow is an ideal location for outdoor storage for large tactical vehicles and equipment. DLA Distribution Barstow, California, stores over 59,800 warfighter support items valued at over \$1.6 billion at two locations on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, a Marine Corps supply and maintenance installation located in the Mojave Desert east of Barstow, in San Bernardino County, Southern California.