



DLA Distribution Europe: Supporting and efficiencies

DLA Distribution Europe, located in Germersheim, Germany, is DLA Distribution's largest distribution facility on the European continent and a forward deployed Theater Distribution Platform. DLA Distribution Europe provides initial surge capability during the transition to war phase, seamless joint theater distribution, and innovative support of DLA and Service managed materiel to all four service component Warfighters serving throughout

Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Strategically positioned near the Rhine River and Ramstein Air Base in central Europe, its distribution facilities take advantage of readily available air, road, rail, and barge modes of transportation, as well as enabling its critical Theater break-bulk mission.

Current commodities distributed by DLA Distribution Europe are repair parts, barrier and

construction material, clothing and textiles, packaged POL, operational rations, and humanitarian relief support. Additionally, the organization supports Defense Supply Center Richmond, through its retrograde program for ozone depleting substances. DLA Distribution Europe is a model for continuous process improvement with customers so that material flows through the supply chain pipeline, timely and efficiently.



the Warfighter through new technologies

Support to Afghanistan and the Northern Distribution Network

DLA Distribution Europe has been a major supporter of the buildup of troops in Afghanistan, shipping over 12,000 20-ft. container equivalents to date in Fiscal Year 2010, consisting of construction materiel and relocatable buildings. Its centralized location allows for effective use of Northern Distribution Network routes, essential in meeting U.S. Central Command plans for sustainment routing.

The NDN, which was established in 2008 as a means to overcome the challenges of transporting materials into Afghanistan's rugged terrain, has become a key strategic alternative to the congested Pakistan ground lines of communication and has vastly improved logistics into the Iraq and Afghan theaters.

DLA Distribution Europe is a major contributor of materiel transiting the network, with DLA responsible for 75 percent of NDN materiel, supporting the European Command commander's engagement strategy.

Logistics Distribution Center Europe

Working toward DLA Distribution's goal of Germersheim Army Depot transforming into a state-of-the-art base for United States Army

Reserves Europe and European Command providing world-class distribution capabilities, DLA Distribution Europe recently broke ground on what will become the centerpiece of these operations, the Logistics Distribution Center Europe.

The LCDE is a 250,000 sq. ft. distribution center which consolidates receive, store, issue, crossdocking and transportation operations in one facility. Moving DLA Distribution Europe forward in its support of distribution activities supporting Joint forces with EUCOM, it is poised to be the future logistical hub of Europe.

Centralizing all DLA Distribution Europe operations from over 12 different locations, the additional state-of-the-art mechanized operations and storage space will serve to reduce or eliminated multiple handling of stock. Allowing for increased space for forward stock positioning, the result will be a \$1 million cost avoidance per month using surface vice air from CONUS to meet EUCOM demands.

Additionally, more space will be readily available for receipt of retrograde materiel under the growing serviceable excess program, allowing for increased support to the responsible drawdown in Iraq. The facility will utilize an environmentally-friendly Biomass Heating system

using wood chips for fuel, resulting in a cost avoidance of over \$3.5 million over the first 15 years.

The cost avoidance associated with the facility and its streamlined processes will ensure that DLA Distribution Europe is further able to provide seamless joint theater distribution, and innovative support of DLA and Service managed materiel.

A real time production process using bar-code and radio frequency communications will permit the constant tracking of items from the time they enter the supply system until they are shipped. It will also allow for the automated delivery of material to destinations within the LCDE.

With over 4 million transactions processed through DLA Distribution Europe since 1999, the goal is always "right time, right place." As DLA Distribution's mission evolves to meet the Warfighters' needs, DLA Distribution Europe remains committed to ensuring that it provides timely, best value to customers in the most effective and efficient manner.