



Three trucks from DDSP carrying 12 pallets of cargo slings used for carrying pallets by helicopter arrived on the flight line ramp at Harrisburg International Airport, only about 15 minutes away from DDSP.

DDYJ Supports Hurricane Relief, UFL Exercise

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The Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ), welcomed home two employees as it deployed two more in support of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Two inventory specialists were tapped by DDYJ's parent command, the Defense Distribution Center, the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) lead center for distribution, to assist the relief operation from the Defense Distribution Depot at Robins AFB, Georgia.

DDYJ has helped by providing tens of thousands of dollars in supplies, including blankets and construction materials, to the devastated Gulf coast region. More than 20 of DDC's 26 distribution centers are supporting relief efforts.

"Not only does DDYJ support the local fleet customer, but the command is proving its physical distribution expertise world-wide," said Cmdr. Will Clarke, DDYJ's commanding officer. DDYJ is "ready to support, anytime, anywhere," he said.

The DDYJ Inventory Specialists are scheduled to spend 120 days in the region, and are the second pair of DDYJ employees to respond to national commitments in two months.

SKC (SW) Jelmer Zimmerman and Lt. Kevin McNulty recently returned to Japan after participating in Ulchi-Focus Lens (UFL), an annual exercise conducted by the U.S. and South Korea.

UFL combines two exercises: Ulchi, when thousands of South Korean citizens practice mobilizing for war; and Focus Lens, a U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) computer-driven command-post exercise. UFL is played primarily between the U.S.-South Korean Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea (USFK).

Zimmerman and McNulty were part of two different teams sent to help the PACOM and USFK staffs. Zimmerman helped monitor supplies of Defense Logistics Agency-owned material for PACOM, while McNulty helped monitor in-theater supplies for USFK.

Together, the teams worked with the PACOM and USFK staffs to expedite the people and material needed to defend the Korean peninsula during the simulation.

"We are living in very uncertain times, and it would be foolish not to be prepared for any possible future actions that could affect stability in the Pacific," Zimmerman said.

DDDC Supports Katrina Relief Efforts

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On September 9, 2005, the Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, CA (DDDC) was called on to provide over



Monico "Manny" Blacano loads cots onto truck bound for Southern Gulf Coast.

4,000 cots destined to various sites affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the Storage and Shipping Division of Labat-Anderson, DDDC's logistics partners, and contractors that perform the distribution mission, pulled the stock and promptly loaded four truckloads of cots. The trucks departed for the Gulf Coast within hours.

"DDDC's foresight and planning enabled the cots to be loaded up and on the road to relief efforts in a minimal amount of time," said Greg Mednick, DDDC's Deputy Commander.



Palletized cots are lined up and ready for loading.

