

within a three-day window. The cargo totaled almost 500,000 pounds and measured nearly 30,000 cubic feet; huge numbers in relation to typical NAS Sigonella operations. As he departed from NAS Sigonella, Major William Bohach, United States Marine Corps, the 26MSSG Detachment Officer-In-Charge, summarized the exceptional effort, commenting, "DDSI has done an outstanding job for the 26th MEU!!! Semper Fi."

## New DOD Hazardous Material Training Courseware Available

By Lori Spiegel, DDC Command Affairs

The Department of Defense (DOD) Hazardous Material (Hazmat) Packaging Course is a new DOD hazardous material training course developed at the request of the Defense Packing Policy Group. In conjunction with the Navy and the DOD Hazardous Material Packaging Working Group, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) released the new courseware to customers on Jan 1, 2005.

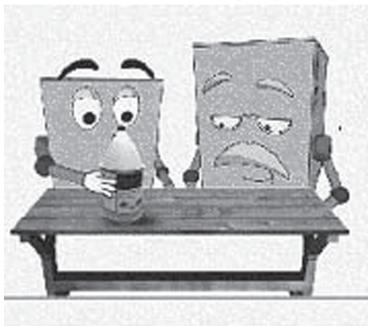
The Computer Based Training (CBT) is intended for all DOD personnel involved with receiving, packing, and shipping hazardous materials (HAZMAT) in the DOD. All new employees are encouraged to take all the modules and the exam.

"It would be good preparation for new folks before they take one of the Hazmat Transportation Courses to become Certifiers of hazardous materials eligible to sign shipping papers," said Packaging Specialist Linda McCarthy. "Many people find this two week certification course difficult. The CBT would give them some preliminary information about the packaging requirements, HAZMAT tables in the regulations, etc."

The CBT consists of the following modules and takes approximately two hours to complete: HAZMATs in the DOD and the importance of proper packaging, how to identify HAZMATs, Modal Regulations, interactive Performance Oriented Packaging

(POP) Demonstration, HAZMAT Packaging, HAZMAT Marking and Labeling, and a "Virtual Workbench." There is also a final examination one can take upon the completion of the modules.

The CBT is arranged around "POP," a senior packer character who guides the student through the lessons and "Shipley," a novice character who is taking on-the-job training. POP is the guide through the program who provides helpful hints and prompts the student to perform functions. Shipley periodically recaps what was covered in the lesson and what he has learned as the novice. The program prompts



the student to complete a learning activity at the end of each lesson.

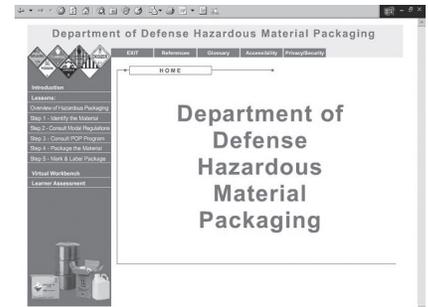
As a refresher, more experienced employees may take any one of the modules or just take the test. Scores can be accessed only by the student and the exams may be taken again until the student passes. Upon completion of the course, the student may print the diploma. A copy of the diploma should be submitted to the student's training coordinator. Credit will then be recorded for the course.

The Hazardous Material Packaging Course can be completed in the place of POP Refresher Training, R630, a biannual function specific training requirement for DDC packers and shippers of hazmat.

Employees can access the program online at: <http://www.dtc.dla.mil/HAZMAT/index.html>. Activities that do not have Internet access may request a CD-Rom from a Service point of contact (POC). The DLA POC to obtain a copy of the program on a CD-Rom is: Ms. Kris Williams, DLA Training Center (DTC), (717) 770-4664, [kris.williams@dla.mil](mailto:kris.williams@dla.mil).

Each Service has an appointed mentor to assist individuals who take the training. The Service POCs are listed in the CBT Program

References. The mentor for DLA is Ms. Linda McCarthy, (717) 605-2923, [linda.mccarthy@dla.mil](mailto:linda.mccarthy@dla.mil).



## Scrap wood at DDAG recycled as mulch for local community

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Broken pallets and other scrap lumber from Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. are being sent to a local landfill where it is chipped and given to the community to be used as mulch.

Because there is no market for scrap lumber in the area and sending the wood to the landfill as trash takes up a lot of space, DDAG personnel coordinated with their host activity, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, to come up with a solution.

"This is a win for everyone involved. The community gets mulch and MCLB Albany and DDAG have a place to dispose of scrap wood," said DDAG Commander Marine Corps Maj. Mark Campaigne.



Scrap wood from DDAG was chipped and recycled as mulch for use in the local community.