

Jacunski Assumes Command of DDDC

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The yearly “June Gloom” weather of San Diego didn’t dampen the Change of Command Ceremony between United States Navy Supply Corps CAPTs Frank Lindell and Walt Jacunski. In a ceremony held on June 3, 2005 and officiated by United States Army BG Michael Lally, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), orders were read and the flag was passed signifying the changing of the guard at Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, CA (DDDC).

During the ceremony, CAPT Lindell, who served as DDDC’s Commanding Officer since February 2003, was presented with the Defense Superior Service Medal. BG Lally, presiding over his first Navy change of command ceremony, commented on Lindell’s accomplishments to include serving on DDC’s Tactical Team for improving climate culture, “A major goal for the Defense Logistics Agency and the DDC is to improve our Corporate Climate – how our people work together and interact to accomplish our mission. Frank helped develop a viable and effective program to improve the corporate climate. He identified ideas, refined them, built consensus for a plan that was quickly implemented.”

CAPT Lindell’s leadership also allowed DDDC to win the Navy Southwest Energy Conservation Award for two consecutive years.

CAPT Lindell, with his keen sense of humor, addressed his accomplishments and spoke to more than 80 attendees to the ceremony following the format of one of his favorite American icons, comedian Jeff Foxworthy, “You know you’re a depot commander when, your alphabet soup includes a CGA, PA, AO, TO, TM, COR, ACOR, PPP&M, RPO, DSS, DTS, QAE and MLO. By the time you know what

each one of those acronyms means its time from you to transfer out the D-O-O-R!”

CAPT Lindell concluded, “You know you’re a depot commander when as you reflect back on your tour, you have a deep sense of pride about what was accomplished by the Continuing Government Activity (CGA) and the contract personnel as we supported the Warfighter.”

CAPT Lindell moves on to his next assignment as Deputy Commander, Office of Logistics, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, California.

CAPT Jacunski comes to DDDC after having served as the Lead Contracts Executive for Commander, Fleet Industrial Supply Centers, where he integrated the actions of over 500 acquisition professionals.

CAPT Jacunski in his remarks to the audience showed that a strong leader and a sense of humor will remain at DDDC, “I asked my friend Captain Mike Turner, who recently took command of the good ship Leyte Gulf, what his advice was for my incoming speech. He let me in on the special guidance all Surface Warfare Officers are told.” Jacunski excited to get the “gouge” from his Navy brethren said, “I listened intently as he gave me the three golden rules for an incoming commander, ‘Stand up, shut up, and sit down!’”

Jacunski, excited to have command of DDDC thanked BG Lally for selecting him, “In the Supply Corps community, it is rare to get command, and even rarer to



“You might be a depot commander when” was the format for Capt. Lindell’s farewell speech.

have that command be in San Diego, so thank you General Lally for affording me this opportunity.”



Capt. Jacunski is given responsibility of command of DDDC.

DDDE Change of Command – Solid as a Rock!

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In a ceremony held June 14, 2005, LTC Doug Nomura, USA, relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE) to LTC Lance Koenig, USA. Officiating the ceremony was BG Michael Lally, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

The ceremony began with the playing of the German and National Anthems, followed by an inspirational invocation provided by DDDE employee, Ms. Tina Tucker.

As a result of his hard work and dedication to the DDC mission, LTC Nomura was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Nomura accepted the award and responded to the accolades, “Sir for a second I had to pinch myself for the accomplishments you noted, this could not have been accomplished by one person but by a team, and they are sitting in the audience this morning, in front of you the men and women in civilian clothes from DDDE. They are the behind the