

Orner assumes command of DDCT

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In a ceremony held amid the work, LTC Timothy W. Orner, Sr, USA, assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) on July 14, 2005. BG Michael J. Lally, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), officiated the ceremony inside one of DDCT's warehouses. LTC Shelia J-McClaney, relinquished command of DDTP and will take a position in Strategic Communications in US Army Chief of Staff Office.

BG Lally praised LTC J-McClaney and the DDCT leadership team for their successes, "J-Mac and her team led DDCT through a 41 percent workload increase over a two-year period.

BG Lally presented LTC J-McClaney with a Defense Meritorious Service Medal for her work as Commander at DDCT.

LTC J-McClaney then passed the DDC flag to BG Lally, symbolically relinquishing command. BG Lally then passed the flag to LTC Orner, charging him with command of DDCT.

"You are quiet professionals," LTC J-McClaney told the standing room only crowd of DDCT employees, friends and family. "There is often no fanfare and many times you think your work goes unnoticed. But it doesn't. Supporting our customers supports those who protect us.

"DDCT family," LTC J-McClaney said, "I could not have had a better command. You stepped up and answered every mission. Even with an increasing workload, a new mission, the AMCOM Express taking critical parts to Balad, navigating A-76 and winning – you just keep striving and succeeding. You rise above individual concerns and keep supporting those who protect our nation.

"You do all this and yet your community support has not wavered either," LTC J-McClaney said. "You support projects like Operation Paint Brush, Operation Christmas Spirit, and the March of Dimes.

"I know with faith, courage, and perseverance you will continue to support

our Warfighters through difficult times." LTC J-McClaney then asked the DDCT staff, current and retired, to stand. She then saluted them and bid them farewell.

"Sawadeecup, Sabadee, Xing Chow, Aloha, and now Howdy Y'all," LTC Orner greeted the audience with a hello native to the many locals where he has served. "It feels great to be back in Texas where just 18 short years ago I started by Army adventure in Ft Hood.



LTC Timothy W. Orner, Sr, USA.

"I cannot express in words how happy I am to be here today and to become a part of the DDCT team," LTC Orner said.

LTC Orner comes to the DDCT after having served as the J4 (Director of Logistics) for the Joint Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action (POW/MIA) Accounting Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii. A subordinate unit under the U.S. Pacific Command, this organization is associated with the highly visible U.S. POW/MIA accounting mission in Southeast Asia, North Korea, China, Europe, Papua New Guinea and Burma, BG Lally said.

LTC Orner supported the recovery and identification of 92 remains from Vietnam, WWII and Korea – this required pulling together a major recovery operation in North Korea – without incident – a significant accomplishment, BG Lally said.

BG Lally challenged LTC Orner and the DDCT team to further improve efficiency while remaining customer focused.

Texarkana Chamber of Commerce honors DDRT incoming and outgoing Commanders

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

In a ceremony held in July at the Northridge Country Club in Texarkana, Texas, the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce held a Hail and Farewell Ceremony for United States Army Lieutenant Colonels Hugh Talley and Betty Yarbrough. Talley, the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) outgoing commander, was honored by Joe Nichols, a senior member of the Chamber of Commerce, with a crystal eagle and flag statue, for his support to the Texarkana community during his two-year tenure. Talley, with his wife Esther in attendance, thanked the organization, on behalf of the Talley family, "Texarkana certainly has a strong sense of community and pride, we will miss that and all of the people we have had the pleasure of associating with the last two years."

Nichols introduced the new Commander of DDRT to the Chamber members and local community leaders. "Red River



Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Representative Mr. Joe Nichols.