

this effort with no seams showing to the customers.”

The first requirement took DDNV less than 48 hours from receipt to closing the door on the trucks. After that, every single request was filled in less than 24 hours.

“And this dedicated warehouse team did this massive weekend operation absolutely safely!” said CAPT Qua.

## DDRT Rolls Out HMMWV's and Other Supplies In Support of Hurricane Katrina Efforts

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On September 1, 2005, the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) received an order for 230 High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) in support of Guard Units deployed to the Southern Gulf Coast area.

Employees of the Major End Item and the Distribution Support Divisions immediately went into action by pulling the vehicles from storage lots, prepping and priming the vehicles to ensure all were operational. In addition, they filled each of the fuel tanks with a full tank of gas, and then loaded them onto trucks outbound for Louisiana and Mississippi. DDRT also coordinated and tracked the transportation of the HMMWVs ensuring that each shipment reached their



**DDRT EMPLOYEES LOAD FIRST TRUCK:** DDRT Blocker and Bracer employee Marcus Walls (Driver) loads the first HMMWV onto truck destined for Southern Gulf Coast. DDRT Leaderman, Emmett Thurman directs.

destination in a timely manner.

“This was a huge effort and the DDRT employees answered the call, they worked very hard to make this happen and they did it inside a 48-hour period,” said DDRT Commander Lieutenant Colonel Betty Yarbrough, United States Army, “I’m proud to be serving alongside such great Americans.”

In addition to the initial HMMWV request, DDRT processed an additional 70 orders for HMMWVs. DDRT has also prepared and shipped forklifts destined to New Orleans, support packages for UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, High Performance Hoists, and an order for eight Small Emplacement Excavator (SEE) vehicles.



**MAJOR END ITEMS DIVISION:** Members of DDRT's Major End Items Division.



**DDRT's FIRST TRUCK LOADED 2:** First Truck containing HMMWVs prepares to depart DDRT.



**FORKLIFT AT DDRT:** One of the forklifts destined for New Orleans.



**MAJOR END ITEMS DIVISION...**from left to right back row: Joyce Green, Sandra Tidwell, Linda Mathews, Juanita Ellis; left to right front row: Blake McDaniel, Kathy Clayton.



**TRANSPORTATION DIVISION:** back row, left to right: Judy Kiefer, Rhonda Cartwright, Bettye Ford, Darlene Phelps, Reta McCullough; left to right front row: Linda Hoover, Judy Jackson, and Doris Green.

