

DDC VIP Kids Day— A Day in the Life

By Lori Spiegel, DDC Command Affairs

Instead of attending camp or spending their usual day of summer away from their parent, more than 40 children made the trip to work with mom or dad at the Defense Distribution Center for the annual DDC VIP Kids Day on July 28. The VIP Kids Day is scheduled in honor of the national “Take Your Child to Work Day,” normally held in April.

To kick off the festivities for the day, the children accompanied their parents at 10:15 a.m. to the Commander’s Conference Room for a “pint-sized” version of the command brief, complete with a video highlighting DLA and its mission. Following the brief, the group met at the Eastern Distribution Center for a tour of the warehouse.

At the start of the tour, SFC Willie King, USA, DDSP Transportation Office, led the parents and children to a table where some of the most popular items requested by Soldiers were on display. SFC King held up a Chemical Light, which sparked the interest of many of the children who wanted to take the “glow stick” home as a souvenir.

Following lunch in the In Flight Café, the parents and children met at the DDSP Public Safety facility where one of the main attractions, police cars and fire trucks, were on full display. With lights flashing and the siren sounding, the police car appealed to many kids, as the children took turns piling into the front and back seats.

The next stop was the firehouse. Firefighter EMT Jared Mumma stood ready for a fire equipment drill. The drill is a test given to DDSP firefighters to time how long it takes for them to don their equipment. EMT Mumma’s time was just under one minute and thirty seconds, according to one spectator. Assistant Fire Chief John Breining said, “The equipment a firefighter wears is worth about \$3,000. The air pack is filled with enough oxygen to last about 30 minutes.”

The scheduled events ended at the DDSP Child Care Center where the Kids Day participants got a tour from School Age and Youth Director Amanda Munoz. In addition to planned camps, the School Age Services program has a 12 station computer/homework lab complete with Internet access.

DDC and DDSP participate in the program to allow for a DDC parent to show their child where they work, what they do, and to meet their co-workers.

Paul Holbert, a Contract Specialist at DDC, said his two kids loved going to VIP Kids Day. “They attended last year and they really enjoyed participating in the activities. They liked watching the video in the conference room. Last year, my son really loved the tour. We look forward to VIP Kids Day.”

Overall, more than one hundred children participated in the DDC and DDSP 2005 VIP Kids Day.



DDC Kids Day kicks off with a briefing from Mr. Pat McCormick (standing, left) and Lt Col Michael Nowaczyk, USAF (standing, right).



At the DDSP Public Safety facility, two young DDC kids ponder a future of firefighting.

PACOM J-4 Visits DDDK

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COL Kenneth S. Dowd, USA, PACOM J-4, toured Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK) in late August to learn about DDDK and its mission. He also received information on direct deliveries to customers, multi-stop routes, cross docking process on multi-mix containers, tracking shipments, number of lines, stock ramp up process, and transshipment of Army (MSCK) stocks, some of the primary initiatives of DDDK.



The DDDK visit resulted in a discussion to consider the possibility of collocating AMC and DLA stocks, perhaps at DDDK.

Afghanistan National Army Visits DDC

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On July 19, 2005, representatives from the Afghanistan National Army visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC). Afghanistan National Army Maj. Gen. ShahAqa Haidary, Deputy Assistant for Acquisition, and Technology, Col. Mohammad Aiwaz Isar, General Supply Depot Commander and Lt. Col. Mohammad Ibrahim, Secretary to the General Staff spent the day with DDC’s Chief of Staff, United States Army Col. Ed Visker and Logistics Operations Director, Pat McCormick to learn how the DDC provides joint logistics service to its customers.



DDC and Afghanistan National Army Visitors.

During the visit, the representatives were provided the DDC Command overview which showed how the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the DDC play a key role in the DoD Supply Chain. Interpreters for the visit provided translation services as the two nations discussed the differences and similarities of distribution operations within each command.

After the briefing and discussions, the representatives toured the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania's (DDSP) Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) where they observed the Air Line of Communication (ALOC) pallet build area, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, the Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP), Central Receiving, and the High Rise Storage Area where they observed crane operators picking and packing commodities for outbound shipment.

The representatives were particularly impressed with DDC's management of worldwide distribution operations.



Maj. Gen. ShahAqa Haidary presents DDC Chief of Staff Col. Ed Visker a Certificate of Appreciation.



DDSP Public Affairs Specialist, Sherre Mitten-Bell, discusses DDSP's High Rise Operations.

JALC Conference Attendees Visit DDC

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On August 3, 2005, approximately 50 members of the Joint Aeronautics Logistics Commanders (JALC) Conference visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC). During the visit, attendees were provided the DDC Command overview by Jackie Noble, DDC Public Affairs Officer. The overview led to in-depth discussion by key JALC participants which included United States Navy VADM Walter Massenburg, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command and former DDC Commander and now Commander of the U.S. Army and Aviation Command (US AMCOM), MG James Pillsbury, USA.

After the briefing, attendees toured the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa (DDSP) Eastern



JALC representatives tour DDSP.

Distribution Center (EDC) where they continued their discussion on joint logistical distribution solutions. The attendees observed the Air Line of Communication (ALOC) pallet build area, the Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP), Central Receiving and Dedicated Truck Service Operations.

MG Pillsbury, who served as DDC's Commander from 2000-2002, acknowledged the logistical expertise of the DDC organization, "This is a world-class distribution operation with very dedicated men and women supporting our troops daily, it's great to be back in Central PA!"

The JALC is comprised of members representing the Defense Logistics Agency, Naval Air Systems Command, US AMCOM, Aeronautics Systems Center, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Federal Aviation Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, Defense Contract Management Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security. The JALC is tasked to develop and continuously improve joint processes and procedures that will facilitate the design, development, and acquisition of aviation systems as they directly relate to aeronautical logistics.



DDSP Commander U.S. Navy Capt. Jim Naber explains the High Rise Storage Operations.