DDC celebrates Earth Day all around the world

Potted plants and saplings wait to be planted along an embankment at Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Va. The trees and shrubs were planted as part of DDRV's Earth Day celebrations.

Employees of Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, form the shape of a tree during DDKS's Earth Day celebrations.

By Scott Woosley

Many of the Defense Distribution Center's facilities around the world hosted or participated in Earth Day celebrations in 2008, making Earth Day for DDC truly a world-wide event.

A number of DDC's 25 distribution centers helped clean up the areas on and around their installations and planted trees and flowers to improve both the appearance and the general atmosphere of their bases. Employees at many of the installations helped clean up local waterways, parks and streets—often in partnership with local civic organizations.

Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan, joined their Earth Day celebration with the Japan/U.S. Friendship Day celebrations and helped clean up the streets between two local parks.

Some of the distribution centers coupled their Employee Appreciation Day and their Earth Day celebration and recognized their employees' environmentally friendly habits. Defense Distribution Depot Europe, for example, recognized employees who walk, ride a bicycle or carpool to work.

Several other organizations made commitments to reduce waste, emissions and their energy use to help improve the environment and take better care of Mother Earth.

DDPH celebrates Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with multicultural feast

Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, celebrated Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with a feast of ethnic foods from various Pacific-region and Asian cultures.

The 10-day commemoration of people of an Asian-Pacific American heritage began in 1978 and was extended to a month-long celebration in 1990. According to the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Association, the month of May was chosen in honor of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843.

Team members from Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, coordinated a celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

Employees of Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage month.

Pictured in the back row are, from left to right, Joan Koyanagi, Joseph Mendiola, Viavia Muasau, Sandra Nakamura, Cmdr. Scott Smith, Faamanuia Saau, Michael Souriolle, Mary Horimoto, Lisa Briones, and June Ohama and in the front row, from left to right, Ben Roque, Glen Takasaki, Sandra Fujii, and Arthur Peralta.

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