

Open house brings regional customers, partners together in Italy

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Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy, recently hosted an open house in its main warehouse to thank its customers and business partners and also to celebrate the successes of the past year.

The event provided customers and partners the opportunity to tour the main warehouse, share a cup of coffee with their counterparts in the region, and further develop the working relationships they have fostered.

“This is the right time to step back and see where we’ve been,” said Navy Capt. Tom Quinn, commander of Naval Air Station Sigonella. “DDSI has been a significant partner in the Sigonella community along the journey, logistically affecting every entity on the base, as well as war fighters operating in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and along the coast of Africa.”

The open house was an opportunity for DDSI to show off its robust capabilities. More importantly, it allowed military, government and contract civilian employees from DDSI, NAS Sigonella, and Fleet Industrial Supply Center Sigonella to mingle and discuss the support they collectively provide to America’s war fighters in the region and how to continue to improve that support.

It’s the agreements and partnerships among the members of this community that have enabled us to effectively

support Navy operations across three [areas of responsibility], from right here in Sigonella,” said Navy Capt. John Camuso, FISC commander and former commanding officer of DDSI.

DDSI is approaching its fourth year of operations at NAS Sigonella and the teamwork and camaraderie that has developed between the distribution center, its customers and its business partners serve as an auspicious indicator of even more successful logistics collaboration in the future.

DLA, DDC host industry professionals, discuss business opportunities

By Scott Woosley

The Defense Distribution Center hosted industry representatives from across the country earlier this year to discuss opportunities for doing business with the government.

“The Defense Logistics Agency is glad to have the opportunity to meet with these professionals to provide information on the process of becoming a provider of logistics services,” said Bernadette Whitehead of the DLA’s Directorate of Acquisitions who was on hand to welcome those attending.

Whitehead is the manager of DLA’s Section 365 program that is designed to reach out to suppliers who have existing or implementing new contracts with the military services, but may better serve all involved if distribution services were managed by DDC.

The day-long session included presentations about DDC’s worldwide operations, how to enter into contracts

with DDC, and other topics.

“It’s important for these companies to know what options exist and what steps they need to take to establish contracts with DDC and DLA,” Whitehead said. “Today’s events supplied them with information they need to make informed contracting decisions that will better serve both the businesses and DOD.”

DDC, a field activity of DLA, is the lead organization responsible for the storage and distribution of military supplies.



Bernadette Whitehead of DLA’s Directorate of Acquisitions welcomed industry representatives to the Defense Distribution Center’s Industry Day earlier this year.

