



DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa.: Support

Nestled in the beautiful and scenic Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania is DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, one of 25 distribution centers organizationally assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency. As a forward distribution point of DLA Distribution headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., supports the maintenance, overhaul and repair mission at Tobyhanna Army Depot. DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., receives, stores, packs and issues a variety of Service-owned and DLA secondary and major end items used to support the Department of Defense's immense communications and electronics programs.

DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., is the proud recipient of several DLA Director's Awards for Organizational Excellence received in 1994, 1995 and 2002, and in June 2000, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., along with its venture partners, was awarded the National

Partnership for Reinventing Government Hammer Award by Vice President Al Gore.

For 39 years, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., was known as Tobyhanna Army Depot Supply Directorate. In 1992, as the result of Defense Management Review Decision 902, all Service depot distribution services were consolidated under DLA for all DoD customers. Originally designated in 1992 as Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., was one of eight distribution depots assigned to Defense Distribution Region East, or DDRE. DDRE and Defense Distribution Region West later consolidated into the Defense Distribution Center. On July 19, 2010, DDTP was renamed as DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa. The distribution center's focus has always been to support the Warfighter and to have an unwavering commitment to the Maintenance Program at TYAD. To understand the complexity of the mission at DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., one first has to

gain an appreciation of the work performed at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest, full-service electronics maintenance facility in all of DoD. The depot's mission is total sustainment, including design, manufacture, repair and overhaul, of hundreds of electronic systems. They include satellite systems, radio and radar systems, telephones, electro-optics, night vision and anti-intrusion devices, airborne surveillance equipment, navigational instruments, electronic warfare, air traffic control, and guidance and control systems for tactical missiles. Tobyhanna is DoD's recognized leader in the areas of automated test equipment, systems integration and downsizing of electronics systems. The Army has designated Tobyhanna as its Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for C4ISR and Electronics, Avionics, and Missile Guidance and Control. The Air Force has designated



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Tobyhanna as its Technical Source of Repair for command, control, communications and intelligence systems. Tobyhanna Army Depot has served our nation for over 57 years having opened on Feb. 1, 1953, following two years of construction. However, the Army has maintained a nearly continuous presence in Tobyhanna since 1912, when the site was first used as a field artillery training camp. Other uses include a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, artillery training of West Point cadets and as a World War II prisoner-of-war camp and storage point for gliders used in the D-Day landings at Normandy in 1944. From its establishment as Tobyhanna Signal Depot in 1953 until the present time, supply and transportation operations have been an integral part of Tobyhanna Army Depot's proud history, first as the Army's Supply Directorate, until today's DLA distribution operations.

The complexities of the mission at Tobyhanna Army Depot and the increasingly diverse maintenance workloads have proven to be a challenge for DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., at times. In 1988, when the distribution center was still assigned to Tobyhanna Army Depot as its Supply Directorate, the first Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, Commission recommended the transfer of workload from Lexington-

Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., to Tobyhanna. The 1991, BRAC recommended the closure of Sacramento Army Depot and directed a competition for its workload between the Air Force's Sacramento Air Logistics Center and five Army depots. Tobyhanna Army Depot won four of the five competitions. In 1993, Tobyhanna again gained additional workload through the BRAC process acquiring workload from Vint Hill Farms Station, Va. In 1995, the BRAC commission closed Sacramento Air Logistics Center and directed its ground communications-electronics workload to Tobyhanna.

While Tobyhanna Army Depot workload has continued to grow over the years, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., has chartered a course toward efficiency by reducing its inventory and downsizing storage facilities which have complemented the expansion of the host. In 1994, through a joint venture with Tobyhanna Army Depot and DLA Distribution, DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., planned for the elimination of retail stock at Tobyhanna and transferred it to its sister depot at Susquehanna, Pa. This year long planning effort was carefully coordinated among the principals, most notably, the Army's Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J. This became known as the Central Depot Concept and was a great

success as well as a precursor to footprint reduction efforts currently mandated by the BRAC 2005 Supply Storage and Distribution Determination.

What once was a robust organization comprised of over 500 people with supply responsibilities related to both wholesale and retail material, is now a very lean and efficient organization responsible for an inventory of over 23,000 lines of Service and DLA wholesale material valued at more than \$5.6 billion. DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., has a phenomenal workforce that endured a significant downsizing as the result of an A-76 competition in 2001. Today's workforce is more focused on efficiencies and process improvements that allow the distribution center to be successful and continue to provide outstanding support to the Warfighter. "The diversity of our workforce and the talents they bring to our distribution program is what makes this a great place to work and command," according to DLA Distribution Tobyhanna, Pa., commander, United States Army Lt. Col. Bruce McPeak. "DLA Distribution Tobyhanna is a truly a team-based organization where every employee understands the organization's key objectives and what role they play in improving operational efficiency and customer satisfaction."