



Guam distribution center becomes log

The United States Pacific Command Valiant Shield 2010 exercise recently was completed in the surrounding waters off the island of Guam. Valiant Shield focused on integrated joint training and interoperability among U.S. military forces while responding to a range of military scenarios. The exercise enabled real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces' ability to detect, locate, track and engage units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a vast range of mission arenas.

For nearly four weeks leading up to and during the 10-day exercise, DLA Distribution Guam, Marianas, became the logistical hub for all inbound cargo marked for the activities participating in the exercise. The volume of military support materials received for the Valiant Shield 2010 exercise accounted for an approximate 142 percent increase in cargo handling and processing. Likewise, Materiel Release Orders received and processed at the distribution center represented a 52 percent increase in workload production. The Material Processing Center alone saw workload go from an average of 2,200 line items a month to a whopping 10,000 plus during the exercise. "Despite the spike in demand and workload at the depot, the level of customer support remained at the highest level," DLA Distribution Guam,



A DLA Distribution Guam, Marianas, employee loads supplies in support of Valiant Shield 2010.

Marianas, commander United States Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ly Pecteau emphasized. "Our team here at DLA Distribution Guam has honed our skills and built experience throughout the year to meet all challenges to support the Warfighter for any mission requirement, with seamless coordination and execution, so our Warfighters can focus on accomplishing their mission." It is anticipated that residual cargo will continue to be processed at the distribution center, as the massive joint operation disperses back to "normalcy."

In conjunction with the increase in operations tempo as a result of the Valiant Shield 2010 exercise, DLA Distribution Guam, Marianas, personnel simultaneously provided materiel from stock and cargo movement support to the

Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group as they transited through the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility. Approximately 300 pallets, equaling about 1,200 pieces of cargo, were transported from DLA Distribution Guam, Marianas, warehouses onto the USNS Rainier for an underway replenishment evolution with the Lincoln Carrier Strike Group off the waters of Guam.

The Valiant Shield 2010 exercise brought approximately 20 U.S. Navy vessels together, including the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington and her Carrier Strike Group, the large-deck amphibious assault ship USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group, four guided-missile destroyers, four nuclear-powered submarines, two guided-missile frigates, two minesweepers, and one guided-

Logistical hub for Valiant Shield 2010



A helicopter participates in the underway replenishment evolution with the Lincoln Carrier Strike Group.

missile cruiser, all manned by approximately 10,000 Sailors from Japan, Guam, Hawaii, and San Diego. The U.S. Air Force participation included the 13th Air Force Expeditionary Wing with approximately 150 aircraft: B-52 bombers, F-22 Raptor strike fighters, F-15C/D and F-16C fighter jets, KC-135 aerial tankers, and E-3 Airborne Warning and Control aircraft. The U.S. Marines onboard the USS Essex included approximately 2,200 personnel from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit based out of Iwakuni, Japan.



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