

As Mission Expands, So Does Office Space

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In recent years, the mission and responsibilities of the directorates of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) have undergone many changes. Additional missions such as Customer Relationship Management, Enterprise Transportation, Defense Transportation System implementation, Enterprise Transformation, and the A-76 process have increased the resource requirements at DDC.

In an effort to bring the resources of each DDC directorate into their own specific work space, thereby facilitating better use of personnel and space, DDC's J-8 Financial Operations directorate volunteered to move out of the DDC headquarters building and into a neighboring temporary facility.

The employees moved into a newly constructed modular building on the DDC installation in November 2004. A faster and less expensive method of creating additional space, the modular building was constructed in less than six months and houses all 76 J-8 employees.

"The new space is beautiful and quite functional, designed with employees' needs in mind. We're very impressed," said Marian Ryan, Chief of DDC's Financial Operations directorate.



The Ribbon Cutting: From left to right: DDC Deputy Commander Phyllis Campbell, SES; DDC Financial Operations Chief Marian Ryan; and DDC Commander BG Mike Lally, USA.



New Office Space: Building 403 houses employees from DDC's Financial Operations Directorate.

DDGM Helps Fight the Brown Tree Snake

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The Island of Guam has a snaking problem that Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas Islands (DDGM) is helping to doggedly pursue.

The brown tree snake was accidentally introduced to Guam in the late 1940s and is a dangerous threat to the economy and ecology of Guam.

To prevent its spread to other areas, DDGM receives daily visits from "Rattles" the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Jack Russell Terrier trained to find the brown tree snake. Every box received or shipped by DDGM is checked for infestation. Rattles is one of three USDA dogs trained to find the snake and finds as many as five snakes a week on the base on which DDGM is located.

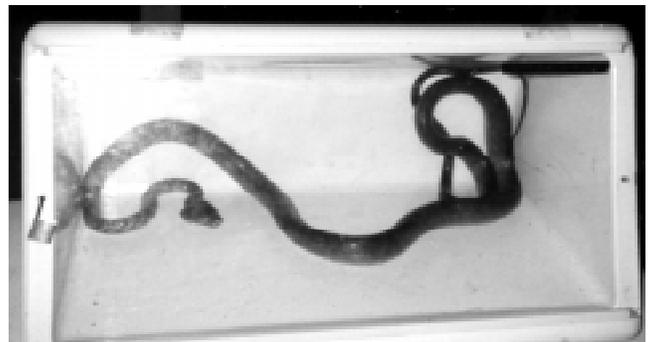
The brown tree snake has caused extensive economic and ecological damage to Guam. It is responsible for numerous power outages across the island each year. This species is an opportunistic feeder and has eradicated most of Guam's native forest birds.

Without control, the problems caused by the brown tree snake could



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spread. The snake has been sighted on many other Pacific islands. It is believed to have arrived through cargo transported by ships or planes originating in Guam. So with Rattles' help, DDGM staff can be extremely diligent about preventing the spread of the brown tree snake.



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