

## Albany team designs, builds shipping crates to support war fighting needs

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When war fighters on the front lines have a need for additional equipment or upgraded armor, the average citizen assumes the solution is simply a matter of finding the material that satisfies the need and getting it to the men and women on the front lines.

However, new items often require new shipping containers to ensure the new material arrives intact at its destination.

When the Marines in Iraq needed additional armor upgrades for their High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles, or Humvees, it was relatively easy to order the necessary items. Shipping them to Iraq was another matter.

“There are several thousand parts included in the Frag 5 project which was the project to upgrade the armor on Humvees,” said Master Sgt. Frederick “Tony” Brooks, the Joint Logistics Operations Chief for



*Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. employees designed and constructed shipping crates for Frag 5 armor upgrade kits that allow the kits to be shipped in one container.*

Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. “We had to develop a way to pack all the items in one unit and deliver them to the Marines.”

The Marines and civilian employees at the Albany distribution center put their collective knowledge and experience together and designed a packing crate that would do the job.

Once they designed a suitable crate, 3,000 had to be built. While construction of 2,375 crates was outsourced, DDAG employees built the remaining 625. Designing and building that many crates is not easily

achieved, but the Albany staff accomplished the mission.

“We completed major production on Dec. 22, 2006,” Brooks said. “To date we’ve shipped 2,203 Frag 5 kits. The remaining kits are being stored for future shipping.”

Despite the time and effort involved in designing, building and shipping the crates over the last few months, DDAG never missed a requirement.

“It’s a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the entire work force here at DDAG,” Brooks said.

## DDYJ lieutenant supports logistics operations in Kuwait

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With the U.S. focus on global terrorism, you would be hard pressed to find a service member who hasn’t contributed in some way to support U.S. operations in the Middle East since 9/11. Lt. Chad Gagnon is no different in his desire to support his country and the men and women who fight to protect it.

Serving at Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan, in numerous positions since April



*Navy Lt. Chad Gagnon stands near an M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank during a deployment to the Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team - Kuwait.*