

## DDC Establishes Core CGA Personnel Requirements

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In an April memo to Defense Distribution Center (DDC) depot commanders, DDC Commander BG Mike Lally, USA, approved the implementation of the Continuing Government Activity (CGA) Core concept that establishes minimum personnel requirements for CGAs at depots where public/private competitions have been or will be conducted.

The core CGA staff of ten includes commander, deputy commander, accountable officer, safety/security specialist, traffic management specialist, supply systems analyst, information technology specialist, administrative support specialist and two quality assurance evaluators.

“This group represents the minimum required personnel. An assessment will be performed at each location to ensure individual site requirements are met,” said BGLally.

The Core CGA concept was developed based on the research conducted by DDC’s Commercial Activities Program Office and on the feedback received from DDC depot commanders.

The CGA is the group of federal employees who monitor the performance of the service provider after an A-76 competition decision.

The A-76 process is a public/private competition that ensures functions completed are performed at the highest level of efficiency and lowest cost to the taxpayer by comparing the operation plans proposed by private sector companies and the in-house government operation.

## Inattention and Fatigue Primary Causes of Workplace Accidents

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During a recent Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Safety and Occupational Health Council meeting, DDC Safety Manager Dave Mack revealed the root cause of most workplace accidents: inattention and fatigue.

According to an internal Accident Review and Analysis, one in every five accidents is due primarily to inattention on the part of the worker.

“Inattention is a normal occurrence, and although we cannot eliminate it totally, we can substantially reduce inattention in the workplace by simply reminding people to work safely,” explained Mack.

“People get so absorbed in what they’re doing that they don’t realize that they’re no longer paying attention to what is going on around them,” he added.

Most DDC workplace injuries occur over the summer months, so Mack and his team are working to promote safety awareness by supplying DDC depots with posters and other marketing materials to remind them to stay alert.

Individual behaviors, namely inattentiveness and fatigue, accounted for nearly half of the root causes of workplace accidents according to the Accident Review and Analysis. Accidents with ambiguous root causes and equipment problems accounted for the rest.

## New DDC Lunch & Learn Program Positioned for Success

**Stock Positioning was first topic in new series designed to keep DDC employees informed**

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In such a large organization, it can be easy to lose visibility of the work that is done in other divisions, so the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) held the first session in a new series designed to provide glimpses into work going on throughout DDC in support of America’s Warfighters.

DDC employees brought their lunches to the April Lunch & Learn session to hear more about Stock Positioning initiatives. DDC Supply Systems Analyst Karin Stinson began by holding up a one gallon milk container and assuring the audience that “we all do stock positioning.”

She told the crowd that her family has a “predictable demand” of about one gallon of milk each week, so she plans to buy one gallon during each weekly trip to the grocery store. “I don’t need to buy a full year’s supply especially since I know it’s readily available.” She also said that other factors used in deciding how much milk to buy, like cost, shelf life and storage space issues, are similar to the challenges faced by the employees in Stinson’s office when deciding what location is best to place stock.

Stinson went on to describe the DLA stock positioning distribution strategy that places emphasis on ensuring the right inventory is at the right locations at the right time for the best possible value. The underlying goal is to achieve an efficient system structure that is responsive to the customer while allowing the Department of Defense (DOD) to significantly reduce levels of inventory and costs of operations while still maintaining Warfighter readiness.

DDC’s two strategic distribution platforms, the “hubs,” Defense Distribution Depots Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) and San Joaquin, CA (DDJC), provide the majority of

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