

A Shocking Development at DDCT

You could save the life of a cardiac arrest victim—if an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) were nearby. Every year 350,000 to 450,000 Americans, many with no obvious signs of heart disease, have a sudden cardiac arrest. In cardiac arrests that occur outside of the hospital, as few as two out of 100 people survive. AEDs could save many of these lives. The device gives a lifesaving electric shock to the person who has collapsed from cardiac arrest. Without the shock, nearly all such people would die.

Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) has recently made this new life-saving technology available on depot. The AED's, in specially designed cabinets, are wall-mounted at seven locations throughout DDCT. Twenty-two volunteers from the workforce, including Ramon Panganiban, Randy Miller, Bob Rosarius, Virgil Perez, Gina Martinez, Carolyn Earwood, Robert Barrett, Ruben Garza, Frances Villarreal, Jon Rogers, Lonie DuBose, Jesse Rodriguez, Rodney Andrade, Carol

Ybarbo, Abel Gonzalez, Ruby San Miguel, Janet Sebren, Rick Hernandez, Alicia Lorenzo, Frank Lugaresi, Kevin Persels and Jack Hill participated in a training course presented by the American Heart Association. This course included extensive training in both AED and CPR techniques.

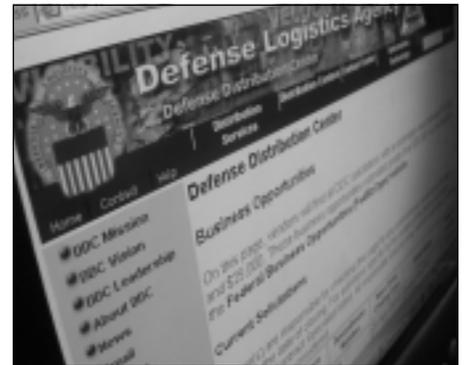
DDCT Commander, LTC Shelia J-McClaney, USA, said, "I'm excited about the addition of these new life-saving devices. They add a whole new dimension to the depot's efforts to protect the well-being of the workforce."

While AEDs are reasonably uncomplicated to use, the AED should be used only by persons who have received proper training and education and who have been certified by a competent authority. "Public access" to AEDs does not mean that any member of the public who witnesses an event should be able to use an AED. Public access refers to the accessibility of the device itself. The local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) activity should be contacted when installing AEDs to confirm that a mechanism for immediate communication of the event and activation of an EMS response remains in place to assure that fully trained EMS personnel and equipment will arrive quickly at the scene.

Business Opportunities Page Unveiled on DDC Website

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The Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) Procurement Office, the division responsible for acquiring necessary supplies and services to complete DDC's mission, recently unveiled a webpage listing information on opportunities for vendors to sell their products and services to DDC.



The new Business Opportunities page on the DDC website gives vendors information on selling their products and services to DDC.



The new webpage, www.ddc.dla.mil/Procurement, features information on what DDC buys, how to do business with DDC, contact information and helpful links.

"In support of the DDC distribution operations worldwide, we acquire packaging materials, conveyor systems, Information Technology support services and equipment, construction services, and distribution support services," explained DDC Procurement Analyst Meg Ross.

Ross developed the content for the webpage that has already generated several vendor inquiries.