

recruits are another sign she is placing the right people in the right jobs.

Just before Alpaugh closed the session, she showed hundreds of pictures taken by her recruits around the world that told the story of deploying better than any words could.

The last part of Alpaugh's brief was a visit from a special guest, former DDC Commander MG Kathleen Gainey, USA, currently the Deputy Chief of Staff, Resources and Sustainment MNF-I at CENTCOM, Iraq. MG Gainey has some of Alpaugh's recruits working for her now and was able to relate firsthand experiences with them.

"DDC is making a difference everyday for our Warfighters around the world," MG Gainey said. "I want to extend my gratitude to you for all the support you give. I know you support this program that puts people overseas to help expedite repair parts. The requirements aren't going away. We need more people to be part of the team supporting the Warfighter forward.

"DDC is well-respected here," MG Gainey said. "I know those heroes at DDC. I know your professionalism and dedication. And I know I'm asking for more from you. But our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines need you. And once you deploy, you'll see the world differently. I am asking you to become one of those forward DDC civilians."



Former DDC Commander MG Kathleen Gainey, USA, thanks the DDC workforce for their support.

## DDYJ celebrates 7th Birthday

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The Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ), marked seven years of service to the Warfighter March 31 with a birthday celebration and Employee Recognition Day.

"The past seven years have been immensely productive and full of notable accomplishments and milestones," said CDR Will A. Clarke, SC, USN, DDYJ's Commanding Officer. "This event shows our appreciation for the employees who have worked as a fabulous team to contribute to the vast success of DDYJ."

DDYJ currently exceeds all performance goals set by the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) and holds the record for consecutive years exceeding inventory accuracy standards. DDYJ provides critical physical distribution support to the military forces operating in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf, filling more than 45,000 requisitions a month during this fiscal year.

"DDYJ is doing a fantastic job supporting our military forces in the Pacific," said BG Michael J. Lally, USA, DDC Commander, in a letter to DDYJ employees. "Keep up the great work!"

DDYJ was established April 1, 1999. With more than 400 employees, DDYJ is the largest DLA activity in the Pacific. It is the ninth largest of DDC's 26 distribution centers around the world and holds nearly 74,000 different line items in 3.7 million square feet of storage space.

After the ceremonial cake cutting, DDYJ employees enjoyed lunch before taking to the fields to participate in Employee Recognition Day sporting events such as softball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, and



Employees from DDYJ help CDR Clarke (second from right) cut the birthday cake commemorating DDYJ's 7th birthday. From left to right: Supervisory Supply Systems Analyst for the Inventory Integrity Team Takayuki Satoh; Industrial Mechanic James Thompson, CDR Clarke, and Material Expediter SK2(SW)Ivy Cristobal. Photo by Jon Lontoc, DDYJ Public Affairs.

fishing. There was also a dunking booth where, for a small fee, employees had a chance to send their favorite supervisors for a swim.

"It's all in good fun," said SKCS (SW/AW) Bill Nygaard, one of the event's organizers.



DDYJ Freight Terminal Director CDR Guy Sanchez stretches after a swim in the dunk tank during DDYJ's Employee Recognition Day. Photo by Jon Lontoc, DDYJ Public Affairs.