

DDXX ready to assist U.S. natural disasters

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The latest initiative of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) is the Deployable Distribution Center, or DDXX, a cadre of distribution personnel and equipment ready to deploy to provide distribution services in the event of a natural disaster inside the continental United States.

DDXX is a deployable and scalable distribution operation that can receive, store, issue, trans-ship, and maintain in-transit visibility for items needed for relief efforts like food, water, and construction material.

“DDC played a key role in the hurricane relief efforts of 2005 by processing more than 65,000 requests for support, said DDC Commander BG Michael Lally, USA. “DDXX allows the Department of Defense to better serve the country during a natural disaster.

“DDXX can be deployed when approved by the Secretary of Defense in response to a request from a federal agency such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency,” BG Lally said.

When not deployed, DDXX is a 66-member team split between two DDC distribution centers: Defense Distribution Depots Red River, Texas (DDRT), and San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC). A few members of the team are stationed at DDC headquarters in New Cumberland, Pa.

Command of DDXX will rotate among DDC distribution center commanders. DDRT Commander LTC Betty Yarbrough, USA, has been selected as the first to command DDXX. “We’re all proud to be a part of this new concept that brings a unique deployable capability where the team members use their distribution expertise to help fellow Americans closer to the disaster site than our fixed-based distribution centers.”

DDKS fills 1 millionth order

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Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, or DDKS, has only been open for business since August 30, 2004, but they have already shipped more than 1 million orders to their customers.

“The DDKS team is entirely dedicated to serving our Warfighters,” said COL Gloria Blake, USA, DDKS Commander, “and this milestone is a measure of that dedication. All of America’s Armed Forces deployed to the CENTCOM AOR can count on DDKS.”

DDKS is the Defense Distribution Center’s only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from the United States Central Command, or CENTCOM. The primary mission is to provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. DDKS has proven their value and velocity with their record-setting workload.

DDKS’s distribution facilities are strategically positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time and to date DDKS has provided cost avoidance savings of more than \$508 million.

Current commodities distributed by DDKS are repair parts, barrier and construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. DDKS also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the DDKS theater of operations.

DDKS also leads a Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, or TCSP, in Kuwait. The TCPS serves as the primary conduit for Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom sustainment (primarily classes II, IIIP, IV, and IX) entering the theater. The TCSP rapidly consolidates and segregates shipments arriving from multiple sources and prepares them for onward movement directly to the Warfighters.

DDKS is one of 26 distribution centers around the world managed by the Defense Distribution Center.

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