

DDDE celebrates successful year, supervisors dance ... poorly **Employees enjoy food and entertainment at appreciation picnic**

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It looked like a cross between a family reunion, a county fair, and a hoe down.

Amid servings of Texas barbecue (the German version, of course) Defense Distribution Depot Europe employees and their families enjoyed ribs, steaks, music, games and prizes at an employee appreciation picnic in September.

And they even got to see their favorite supervisors perform a choreographed dance to “Cotton-Eyed Joe,” a unique musical selection that fuses country and rap. “Some had rhythm and some didn’t, but we all had fun,” said DDDE Deputy Commander and featured line dancer Charlie Austin.

According to Austin, the picnic was a reward for the outstanding performance of DDDE’s workforce over the last fiscal year.

From October 2006 to September 2007, DDDE exceeded metrics and inventory accuracy goals in addition to increasing productivity by 20 percent and providing a new capability – the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point-Europe.

“What a great year from Team DDDE!” said Austin.

“This is an impressive group of dedicated people,” commended DDDE Commander Army Lt. Col. Lance Koenig. “They are a cohesive team with the single focus of supporting America’s war fighters,”

The banner said it all: Defense Distribution Depot Europe, exceeding all goals and performance metrics, 2006-2007.

For Austin, it’s the perfect reason to celebrate ... despite the fact that he had to be the center stage dancer during “Cotton-Eyed Joe.”



Supervisors dance to “Cotton-Eyed Joe” during the Defense Distribution Depot Europe employee appreciate picnic.



Defense Distribution Depot Europe employees celebrate a successful year in which they exceeded metrics and inventory accuracy goals in addition to increasing productivity by 20 percent and providing a new capability – the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point-Europe.



Food, music, games and prizes were plentiful at the Defense Distribution Depot Europe employee appreciation picnic.