

DDC Deputy Commander praises DDRT workforce on 10 years of service

DDRT continues to save money, provide world-class support to customers

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In a recent visit to Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, Defense Distribution Center Deputy Commander, Twila Gonzales, Senior Executive Service, congratulated the DDRT workforce for their distribution support to the war fighter and to DDC.

“As you know, DDC celebrated 10 years of distribution excellence on Oct. 1, and DDRT has certainly been instrumental in our success in providing world-class distribution support to our war fighters,” said Gonzales.

In the past 10 years, DDRT has reengineered processes and streamlined for greater efficiencies. This included establishing a distribution operations center, increasing efficiency of operations and providing capacity for storage in excess of 200,000 line items.

Additionally, upon completion of the construction of an automated and mechanized Preservation, Packaging, Pack and Marking, or PPP&M, project with a track preservation system, DDRT increased productivity by more than 90 percent with an estimated savings of \$200,000 annually.

DDRT designed, assembled and fielded a multi-million dollar fuel system supply point; the first was used in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

DDRT established a consolidation and containerization bypass point to help alleviate bottlenecks at other DDC consolidation and containerization points to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. DDRT shipped an average of 300 air pallets a week and 30 sea containers of repair parts into theater.

Partnering with Red River Army Depot, DDRT increased distribution of tactical, combat and trailer mounted vehicles to more than 20,000 units annually for the U.S Army and Marine Corps.

Reimbursable projects increased to more than 1,200 valued at over \$100 million dollars, generating more than \$22 million dollars in revenue annually.

After the devastation of the hurricane season of 2005, DDC established a deployable capability inside the U.S.

“You helped to establish DDC’s deployable capability in a mere five months. As a result, our deployable personnel are trained and ready to deploy anywhere in the United States to perform distribution operations in support of a disaster and we are now expanding this capability worldwide,” Gonzales said.

While the mission is priority, safety is always first at DDRT. Establishing a Safety Bucks store, employees can redeem safety bucks earned for their good safety practices. Employees have a safer working environment and can receive items branded with the DDRT logo – showing DDRT’s pride through performance.

“You’ve worked very hard and have earned the trust of the customer; so much so that the program manager for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles support program has called on DDRT to support this important mission,” said Gonzales.

Gonzales concluded, “You continue to answer the call, no matter what it is, and on behalf of General Collyar and the staff of the DDC, I thank you for your 10 years of distribution excellence and I am confident that the next 10 years will be even more successful.”



Senior Executive Twila Gonzales, deputy commander, Defense Distribution Center, addresses the staff and employees of Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas. Gonzales visited DDRT to thank the workforce for their support to America’s war fighters and DDC over the last ten years.