



DDC commander highlights logistics supply chain solutions at NA 2010 Supply Chain Summit

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United States Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri, Defense Distribution Center commander, served as one of the keynote speakers at the first North American Supply Chain Summit held last week in Cleveland, Ohio. Talleri's topic of discussion, "How the Department of Defense has put an edge on supply chain management," highlighted the Defense Logistics Agency's worldwide logistics enterprise, its global reach and full spectrum support capability.

Opening his discussion, Talleri described DLA to a broad audience with representatives from industry, government and education. "DLA is the Department of Defense's combat logistics support agency providing Warfighter-focused, globally-responsive supply chain leadership," said Talleri. "We are engaged and collocated with our Warfighting partners around the globe and are an integral part of the end-to-end supply chain."

Describing DDC's innovation in supply chain management, Talleri commented on a few elements it takes to provide premiere logistics solutions to the Warfighting customer. "As DLA's lead center for distribution, the DDC is a key component to the supply chain and continually revalidates and revises support based on customer requirements. DDC's role in the supply chain has evolved,"

said Talleri. "We are developing and maturing partnerships with stakeholders and other providers. We are implementing refinements to our strategic network and adopting improved business practices and technologies."

Expanding on the revalidation process, Talleri provided insight, "Our approach is to first understand the current capabilities being used in the existing distribution channels, find any gaps that may exist, and develop solutions to correct or modify as appropriate."

Talleri added, "We are actively making life easier for the Warfighters by reducing redundant inventories, setting up processes that fill requisitions from stocks in theater before sending a requisition back to the U.S., and generally expanding our presence where it makes sense to do so."

With the drawdown of Iraq and the build up of Afghanistan, Talleri concluded his discussion by highlighting additional elements considered for continued logistics success in managing the supply chain in the Middle East, "DLA's challenge is to ensure that we carefully adjust demand and supply planning factors so that we don't add to excess materiel in Iraq while continuing to sustain the readiness of the shrinking force," said Talleri. "Additionally, DDC is planning to deploy our Expeditionary Depot to the Kandahar region this summer."

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