



AJ2 program: Providing unique resources in theater

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Supporting the Warfighter involves providing many unique items in theater. Sometimes, these needed items fall outside of the Defense Logistics Agency storage criteria or outside of normal stocking limits for a specific service. The AJ2 program was designed to help with this problem.

The AJ2 program is an agreement between the Army and DLA that helps to satisfy a number of theater requirements while simultaneously reducing total cost to the Department of Defense. AJ2 program items include Army materiel such as vehicle parts, wheel assemblies, tank tracks, and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle engines and parts.

AJ2 is an Army storage routing identifier code, or RIC, within the Distribution Standard System, or DSS. Items that fall under the AJ2 RIC are the property of the Army. The Army manages these materials, and the Defense Distribution Center provides care of supplies in storage, until DDC is directed by the Army with a materiel release order to a consignee. The Army is

able to determine the national stock numbers that they need in theater, and have service stock fund sales.

Because of AJ2, the Army can look first to the areas in theater to find out if an item is available, before going to the wider DDC distribution network. This helps to reduce customer and requisition wait time, simply by leveraging the existing DLA distribution network and expanding DSS visibility.

Currently, this program is implemented at DDC's distribution centers in Europe, Kuwait, Korea, and Hawaii. DDKS is the largest participant in the AJ2 program, carrying over 22,500 NSNs. DDDE hosts over 5,500 NSNs, DDDK over 9,500 NSNs, and DDPH over 3,250 NSNs.

AJ2 has allowed DDC to save obligation authority dollars by staying within the normal business model, but also having the items available for distribution in theater. DDC also receives transaction fees for service-directed release order, and storage fees for slower moving materiel.

AJ2 has been mutually beneficial, as the Army is able to have the security of materiel available in theater, and can eliminate a level of infrastructure to maintain, reducing the overall footprint needed. Additionally, combining the stockpiles allows for the elimination of distribution services redundancies, such as trucking, staffing, and infrastructure.

“The success of the AJ2 initiative is a crucial step forward as DLA continues to partner with the Services towards the goal of retail integration,” said Scott Rosbaugh, director of Distribution Process and Planning.



The AJ2 program helps to supply High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle engines and parts to the Army. Georgia National Guard photo by Sgt. Roy Henry.