

Expeditionary Depot deploys to DDOO



Defense Distribution Center deputy commander, William Budden, visits expeditionary depot personnel assisting operations at Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City, Okla.

Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, recently deployed the Defense Distribution Expeditionary Depot, or DDED, to support distribution operations at the Defense Distribution Depot, Oklahoma City, Okla., or DDOO.

While on site, DDC's deployable unit processed returned repairables and assisted with location consolidation and rewarehousing in support of surge requirements for maintenance activity and Air Force customer field returns.

Using a standard warehousing approach, DDED received reusable/repairable material, stowed the received material and assisted in the disposable material process known as Disposal Release Orders, or DRO's.

Bringing in a tailored workforce of 86 personnel skilled in distribution operations, DDED was able to process more than 7,400 receipts, over 12,700 stows, and over 10,100 DRO's, while reducing the number of late lines by more than 6,900 in a

three-week period.

"We are a goal orientated organization; the depot support mission is just one of the capabilities we have in our charter," said Fred Hildrich, logistics manager for DDED. "Whether we are supporting a Combatant Commander or performing humanitarian assistance or disaster relief operations, our team is focused on results."

With over 78% of the DRO material projected to be delivered to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, or DRMS, site at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, for processing, DDED joined forces with three DRMS property disposal specialists who came from Texas to process the material. In this cost savings initiative, DDED and DRMS personnel screened and reclassified over 80 truckloads of material on site at DDOO, eliminating the need to transport material to multiple locations for ultimate disposal.

"Our team had processed eighty-five, forty-foot equivalent trailers of disposal material which contributed directly to the ability of DDED to sustain a larger than normal volume of disposals," said Lawrence White, DRMS.

According to Marc Parsons, DDED director, "Having DRMS personnel working with us on site was a force multiplier. We couldn't have maintained the volume we did without the assistance of Lawrence's team."

Additional assistance was provided by the Expeditionary Logistics team, directed by Sue Alpaugh, who sent 15 reservists to assist with the mission. "Expeditionary Logistics deployable team members provide DDED a great deal of flexibility to handle any task given. They come prepared to work, enthusiastically attacking challenges and offering a variety of expertise that is always valued," said Scot Seitz, DDED Deputy Director.

DDC deputy commander, Senior Executive Service Member, William Budden was on-site in Oklahoma to see DDC's deployable capability in action, "This was DDED's first deployment in support of internal surge requirements within the DDC distribution network," said Budden. "The work performed here in support of our Air Force customers is truly commendable."

After successfully completing their mission, DDED members will continue to hone their distribution skills as they fold back into their host depots. Currently, three depots, including Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., and Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., play critically important roles in bringing DDED capability to life, as they each host between 33 and 38 members of the team. Depot commanders ensure that DDED members are continuously working to improve their distribution skills as they employ them in all aspects of static distribution operations.