

## DDNV's Inter-modal hub opens for business

The Fleet Industrial Supply Center, or FISC, Norfolk Ocean Terminal seamlessly transitioned its Navy facilities, personnel and operations to Defense Distribution Center, Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Va. and in October, officially reopened its doors as the DDNV, Inter-modal hub, or IMH.

The IMH will operate a cross-dock facility to receive, process, consolidate and containerize export cargo into seavan containers or palletize onto 463L air pallets, as well as, document and ship export cargo for military and foreign military customers via the Defense Transportation System.

DDNV will operate an import function which will be responsible for receiving seavan containers. The seavans will be received and stripped, shipments receipted, consolidated, documented, routed and shipped to activities within the continental United States.

In addition, DDNV will operate an ocean terminal providing sustainment ship load planning, stevedoring, stowing and associated loading and discharging services for the United States fleet to include Naval vessels, Combat Logistics Forces ships, Marine Expeditionary Units and Military

Sealift Command-leased vessels, as well as, support special missions such as the annual Air Force Greenland resupply called Pacer Goose.

To further improve effectiveness and efficiency, DDC successfully activated its joint information system, Distribution Standard System, or DSS, with Consolidation and Containerization Point, or CCP, modules, designed to support this new mission. The use of DSS will reduce or eliminate the manual processes performed by the IMH, while at the same time increase communication and visibility

within the Department of Defense.

“As the DDNV IMH operation transferred, performance was maintained,” said United States Navy Capt. Brad Bellis, DDNV commander. “The full CCP containerization process, as well as the regular out load of trucks in support of Pier 8 ship offload operations, was completed successfully.”

“The IMH workforce has gone the extra mile to ensure that mission operations and cargo-hold items will remain responsive to customer requirements,” concluded Bellis.



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