

Since then, two-thirds of the 642-acre site have been environmentally restored and returned to productive community use in what is now called the Memphis Depot Business Park. The remaining 228 acres are expected to be transferred for

redevelopment within the next year.

Currently, 30 distribution, manufacturing and service-oriented companies, collectively employing more than 1,300 people, operate in the park. The Memphis

Redevelopment Corporation, which develops the property for commercial use, estimates that commercial growth in five years will see about 3,600 total employees with annual wages of \$73.8 million.

DDC answers call for aid in Pacific

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As American Samoa is declared a major disaster area by President Obama, extreme flooding forces mass evacuations in the Philippines and two major earthquakes strike Indonesia, the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, stands ready to provide aid to the thousands of displaced and homeless.

With the governments asking for federal assistance, DDC has received several requests from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to provide approximately 175,000 Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs, to the areas by the end of next week.

In response to this call for aid, employees at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., or DDJC, worked as a team through Wednesday and continuing into Thursday during a humanitarian support mission to build 26.5 air lines of communication, or ALOC, 463L pallets with MREs totaling over 10,000 boxes providing over 122,000 meals for victims.

Darlene Pope of the Performance Excellence Office was one of

the employees that volunteered to work in this relief effort.

“Having previously worked in the Consolidation and Containerization Point building ALOC pallets, I wanted to use my experience to help in the efforts,” said Pope. “I wanted to lend a helping hand to the devastated areas.”

Upon receiving the request from the FEMA, the DDJC team pulled together to execute the disaster relief efforts. The pallets will be loaded onto commercial carriers and transported to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where they will be flown to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Upon arrival, they will be flown to their final destination of Pago Pago, the capital city of American Samoa.

In conjunction with DDJC’s effort, Defense Distribution Norfolk, Va., processed and shipped over 100,000 pounds of MREs to meet overnight delivery requirements.

The coordination of these efforts



Team members from the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., prepare plastic wrap to protect twenty-seven pallets of Meals Ready to Eat to be flown to Pago Pago, American Samoa.

is a result of the support of DDC’s Supply Chain Transportation and Customer Engagement divisions, who worked into the night to coordinate the transportation of the MREs with commercial carriers. “Between receiving requisitions for the materials, locating the right amount, organizing transportation of the MREs from DDJC and DDNV, and tracking the materials, employees successfully completed hours of work in little time,” said Barbara Huss, supply specialist.

Although the typhoon season in the Pacific runs year-round, most cyclones tend to form in the region between May and November.