

## Defense Distribution Center hosts countries from Central Asia and the Caucasus

Recently, the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, hosted seven countries from Central Asia and the Caucasus as part of a United States Transportation Command, or USTRANSCOM, sponsored tour of the premier transportation and distribution facilities around the United States.

Three of the visits included delegations from Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Stacy Umstead, DDC public affairs officer, provided a command overview to each of the groups, highlighting the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA, and DDC's position as DLA's lead center for distribution support to the United States' joint forces. United States Army Lt. Col. James Stanford, DDC strategic plans officer, hosted question and answer sessions after each briefing.

Following the briefing, the delegations visited the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., where they toured the Eastern Distribution Center, to observe receiving operations, high rise storage and retrieval system, air lines of communications area, and consolidation and containerization point processing operations, and understand how the operations tie into DDC's mission of supporting the Warfighter.

According to Joseph Lepanto, international agreements specialist with USTRANSCOM, "The purpose of the visits is to strengthen the partnership TRANSCOM and DDC have with these countries in the global transportation and distribution network, and to show them first-hand examples of distribution excellence.



**Members of the Azerbaijan delegation and United States Transportation Command representatives pose with Stacy Umstead, public affairs officer, and United States Army Lt. Col. James Stanford, strategic planning officer. The Azerbaijan officials presented DDC with a shadowbox mosaic of their country, as a sign of their appreciation for their visit.**