

2010 Director's Guidance: DDC Commander addresses the way forward

Defense Logistics Agency Director Navy Vice Adm. Alan Thompson released his fiscal 2010 Director's Guidance Sept. 30. The guidance incorporates 20 initiatives in three strategic focus areas: Warfighter Support Enhancement, Stewardship Excellence and Workforce Development.

Unlike the 2009 guidance, which was calendar year-based, the 2010 guidance is fiscal year-based to align with personnel performance objectives and the annual budget cycle.

In his guidance for the Agency, VADM Thompson identified three principal strategic focus areas in his Director's Guidance for FY 2010. They are:

Warfighter Support Enhancement: Deliver agile and responsive logistics solutions to the warfighter

Stewardship Excellence: Manage DLA processes and resources to deliver effective warfighter support at optimal cost

Workforce Development: Foster a diverse workforce and supporting culture to deliver sustained mission excellence

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) plays a critical and ever increasing role in providing logistics support and collaborative leadership of the global supply chain for the Department of Defense (DoD).

As DLA is integral to warfighter readiness, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) is integral to ensuring that a full range of distribution services is provided to the warfighter and other customers. Working closely with the Combatant Commanders (COCOMs) and the Military Services, we will be asked to strengthen our capabilities in the future.

DDC is directly aligned to and supports DLA's three principle strategic focus areas: Warfighter Support Enhancement, Stewardship Excellence and Workforce Development. In order to meet our requirements for our worldwide customers, DDC is committed to the reinforcing strategies of delivering end-to-end distribution support and pursuing operational excellence. Delivering these capabilities requires that we align and integrate the DDC system, which consists of our formal



United States Marine Corps BGen Peter Talleri, Defense Distribution Center commander, discusses the 2010 DLA Director's Guidance at the recent DDC Town Hall.

organizational systems, leadership and workforce development efforts, and continuous process improvement cultivation efforts.

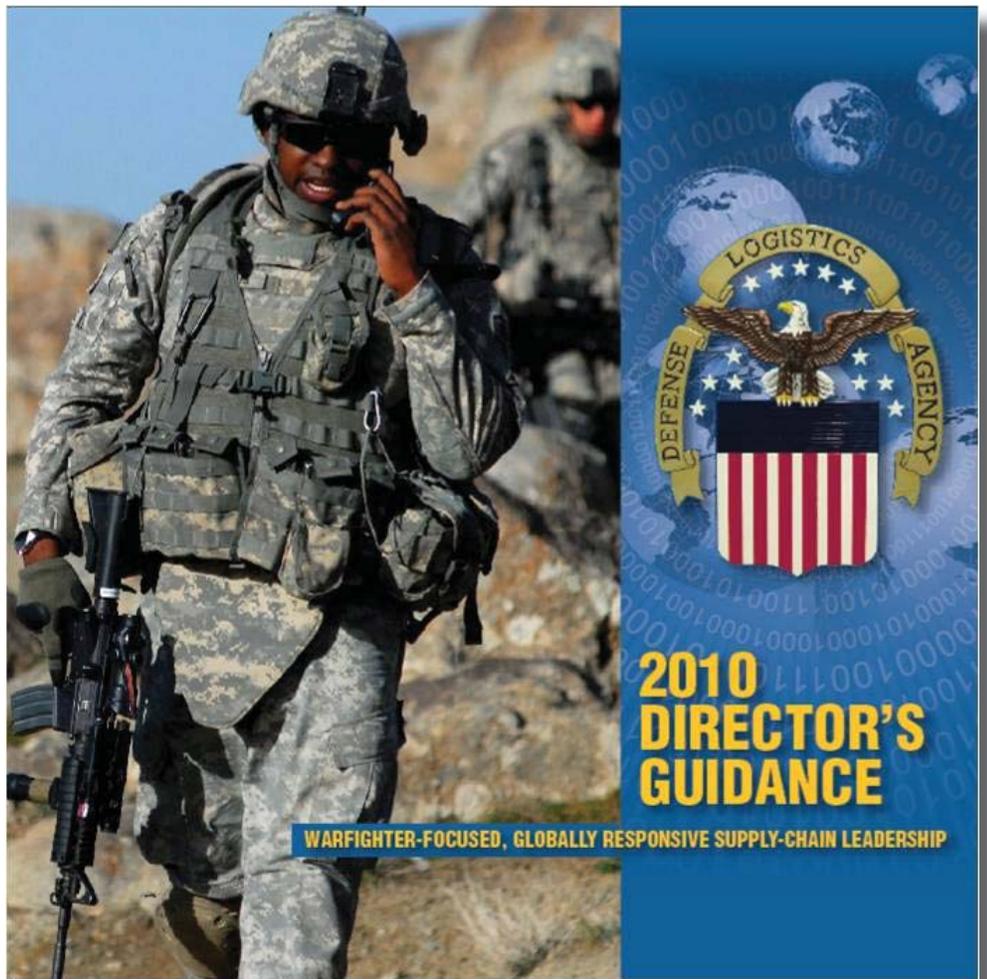
"Warfighter support is always DDC's number one focus," said BGen Talleri during his 5 October DDC Town Hall where he described in detail VADM Thompson's vision for the future.

DDC is prepared to support several warfighter support initiatives including but not limited to integration and performance in BRAC mission areas and; design and development a DLA retail strategy to optimize related supply chain performance factors. In order to move these forward in

FY2010 DDC must continue to identify areas where we can provide best value services and extend the reach of the DDC where it is most needed. We must continue to implement Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 decisions to reduce our infrastructure footprint. We must continue to be good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars by improving customer support alignment. We must continue to improve the growth and development of our workforce and our leadership. We will identify, plan, and define acquisition strategies that will help us to carry out our mission and improve our service.

BGen Talleri concluded his discussion on DLA's 2010 guidance by acknowledging DLA's most important assets – the employees, “DDC is respected around the world and has a great reputation for the logistical solutions and services we provide day in and day out and it is because of the over 9,000 DDC employees – civilians, military, foreign nationals and contractors located throughout the globe.”

As we face the challenges of FY10 as a team, BGen Talleri, quoting VADM Thompson, said “every day I see DLA doing great things and I know those achievements are the result of the hard work of each of you and your workforce.” BGen Talleri continued, “We have a clear way ahead for DDC and I will release my FY10 guidance in the next week.”



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