

# DDC's support to PACOM – modifying and adapting to meet future distribution needs

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In today's volatile environment, preparing to meet the customer's storage and distribution needs can be very challenging. At the Defense Distribution Center, strategic planning officers are continuously preparing and positioning DDC for the future. DDC's latest initiative takes a hard look at how the Defense Logistics Agency's lead center for distribution is supporting the customers of the Pacific command's Korean peninsula.

Partnering with the United States Forces Korea, DDC is working with key customers on the Korean peninsula to move out on a plan to revalidate and revise support plans for the Korean Theater of Operations.

Through a series of face-to-face meetings, stakeholders presented their contingency support requirements to DDC commanding general, United States Marine

Corps Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri and his team of strategic planners. "DDC's goal is to ensure full integration of DDC distribution points into the customers' operations plans and DLA's support plans," said Talleri.

The key objectives were to first orient DDC on Korean operation plans and theater operations, secondly, identify the contingency distribution requirements within the OPLANS and third, identify any seams or gaps in the existing plans and develop mitigation actions.

"We identified unique issues such as operational limitations on the peninsula, planned contingency planning/execution leadership transition from US-led operations to Korean-led operations within the area of responsibility and the significant role of non-combatant evacuation operations," said United States Air Force Maj. Todd Dyer.

With a list of objectives identified, the DDC team conducted a mission analysis and is currently developing a revised distribution support plan. "The revised plan includes a series of exercises to be conducted to validate DDC's new way forward," said Dyer. "The end-state is an institutional framework for distribution support plans and contingency concept of operations in support of adaptive planning tenets."

"The Korean peninsula is just the beginning," said Dyer. "DDC will continue reviewing the way we do business throughout the entire Pacific region and will be expanding our review of distribution support throughout the rest of the combatant commands."

DDC will soon begin revalidating and revising support plans for the European and African combatant commands.

