



DDGM prepares for Marine forces relocation to the island

The island of Guam will welcome 8,000 additional United States Marine Corps forces and their 9,000 dependants in a relocation plan moving them from Okinawa, Japan to Guam by 2014. The plan for repositioning forces will allow for an almost 50% reduction of forces in Okinawa, Japan, and will help to strengthen U.S. position in Asia while retaining vital assets and capabilities in the region.

Logistics support from the Defense Distribution Depot Guam will be a key part of the relocation to Guam.

United States Marine Corps Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, deputy commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific recently visited DDGM to discuss buildup activities in support of the relocation. DDGM highlighted the depot's storage and logistics capabilities, including materiel support, covered and uncovered storage capabilities, transshipment services and the prepositioning of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

"The Marine units slated to move to Guam currently receive support from Defense Distribution Depot



Yokosuka, Japan - Okinawa Detachment," said United States Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ly T. Fecteau, DDGM commander. "DDGM is poised to deliver the same outstanding level of service and support."

To further DDC's engagement with the Marine Corps, Fecteau and Forrest Patenaude, DDGM deputy commander, recently visited the Marine units currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Fecteau and Patenaude briefed the Marines on DDGM's support capabilities, and how the Marines can best leverage these capabilities in support of their mission requirements. Armed with this information, the Marines will now be able to chart their materiel and distribution concept of operations while structuring the move to Guam.

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