



# DDSP processes shelters destined for Afghan security forces

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American troops are not the only customers of the Defense Distribution Center – it's also important to keep our allies well positioned. To reach this goal, DDC handles foreign military sales. Currently, Afghanistan troops have no shelter while in the field, and the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., is providing support by shipping shelter systems to security forces through the United States Army Security Assistance Command.

These specialized shelter systems are designed for use in extreme environments, and include the fabric-building system and

environmental control units.

The United States Army provides new products and support materiel to its units by requisitioning materiel to be shipped to a DLA distribution center Unit Material Fielding Point, or UMFP, for consolidation into unit level packages. These packages are then shipped to a staging site or



**“Dusty” Howe, DDSP distribution facilities specialist, shows United States Army Col. David Dornblaser, security assistance officer, United States Army Security Assistance Command, air pallets built and staged for shipping from the DDSP Unit Material Fielding Point operation.**

receiving unit. DDSP manages one of DLA's UMFP operations.

DDSP is organizing information, taking receipt of items, building air pallets containing all of the shelter system parts, and then shipping them to Dover Air Force Base. The pallets are destined for a special assignment airlift mission, where they will be shipped to Afghanistan.

The shelters are one example of the type of material UMFP processes for Army Foreign Military Sales at DDSP. In fiscal year 2009, the operation built more than 500 Army air line-of-communication air pallets and filled over 300 surface (sea) containers for Afghanistan security forces. Items packed in customized part kits and humanitarian aid supplies are also received, stored and processed for shipping through DDSP operations.



**United States Army Col. David Dornblaser, security assistance officer, United States Army Security Assistance Command, and Ed Visker, DDSP deputy commander, tour the Unit Material Fielding Point storage area.**