

Distribution Operations Reserve Component – Norfolk brings logistics experience to DLA mission

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Recently, the Defense Distribution Center welcomed aboard United States Navy reserve personnel formerly with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, Va., or FISC-N. The transfer of reserve personnel was conducted as part of the transfer of function for continuity of Ocean Terminal services to Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Va.

This functional transfer included two officer and 24 enlisted billets. These billets were validated as integral to the Ocean Terminal capability during the 2003-2004 Chief of Naval Operations Zero-Based Review of Navy Reserve billets. The newly-created DLA Distribution Operations Team's enlisted personnel are primarily storekeepers and the officers are members of the Supply Corps.

Recently, United States Navy Rear Adm. Raymond P. English, DLA J-9 director, and Susan Alpaugh, DDC J-9 director visited DDNV to welcome the unit.

"DDC offers a robust and effective training program for its reserve force which will enable these sailors to quickly learn DLA and DDC's mission and key operational processes," said Alpaugh. "The unit will continue to provide valuable operational support to DDNV and train towards DLA mobilization requirements."



Susan Alpaugh, DDC J-9 director, welcomes the new DLA DOT-Norfolk personnel to DDC.

DLA Distribution Operations Teams, or DOTs, are located at key distribution sites and report to the DDC commander. DOTs are a component of the DLA Support Team, or DST, which provides teams of DLA liaison officers and functional experts under the command of a DST commander. DOTs can be rapidly deployed to provide support to a Combatant Commander, Joint Task Force, Service Component, or a Subordinate Unified Command during regional conflicts, contingency operations, mobilization, emergencies, flexible deterrent options, exercises, operational logistics support, or other situations.

"By bringing aboard this unit, DDC has an increased capability in support of our Warfighters' needs," said Deneen Diggs, chief, Military Manpower and Logistics, DDC J-9. "All DDC reserve billets are tied to contingency operations which enable DLA to deliver responsive logistics support to the Warfighter."

With this transfer, DDC now has five United States Navy DLA-DOT units comprised of 142 enlisted personnel and 14 officers. They can be utilized by mobilizing individuals, the entire unit, or all five units together, dependent upon mission requirements.