



## DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga.: Providing tailored support to Air Force customers

As one of four Strategic Distribution Platforms within DLA Distribution, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., is strategically positioned to provide support to the Warfighter worldwide. The distribution center is uniquely positioned to provide support to the Air Force, with over half of the work being completed for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Projects such as the transformation to an SDP, the opening of a new Consolidation and Containerization Point, or CCP, facility, and tailored, specialized kitting projects all contribute to this specialized support.

Under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, decision, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., was designated to become a Strategic Distribution Platform, or SDP. In 2007, in order to comply with the decision, the distribution center began the transformation from a government owned, contractor operated facility to a government owned, government operated entity.

Setting the stage for maturing to an SDP designation, the consolidation and transfer of \$766 million in various classes of supply from other DLA Distribution centers in Anniston, Ala., Cherry Point, N.C., Jacksonville, Fla., and Albany, Ga., has been accomplished. The tens-of-thousands of line items required aggressive rewarehousing, and resulted in developing more

than two million cubic ft. for bulk and bin spaces. The distribution center is upgrading storage systems. The rewarehousing resulted in the consolidation of over 85 percent of existing locations, and moved over \$4.4 billion worth of materiel to new locations. Supplies received from sister distribution centers occupy only a small portion of these newly rewarehoused facilities.

Making space for additional stock required innovative material processing methods. Two such examples are the design and development of new conveyor systems which employ passive radio frequency identification processing technology.

The transformation to an SDP is nearing completion. Dramatic change in the physical structure include new racking and conveyor systems throughout existing warehouses, and construction of a new CCP facility, scheduled to be opened in March 2011. With the opening of the CCP facility, DLA Distribution will be able to increase the volume of materiel that is shipped overseas. DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., will also serve as the “relief valve” for CCP operations at Oklahoma City, Okla., Susquehanna, Pa., and San Joaquin, Calif., and will be able to process additional workload.

As one of eight DLA Distribution kitting assembly sites, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., builds tailored aviation kits

supporting Air Force customers and various weapon systems around the world. The kitting builds allow DLA to provide maintenance repair parts in one single container rather than the customer receiving separate pieces and parts through various shipments.

Currently, the distribution center is supporting twelve different kits for various customers. One such example is a windshield replacement kit for the C-130 aircraft. Another example is the largest kits currently being produced - the F-15/16 launcher kit, with a total of over 3,300 being built.

A new project for FY11 is a digital video recorder kit for the F-15 aircraft, being produced expressly for the Air Force. DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., will produce more than 245 kits during this multi-year build. The digital video recorder kit includes such items as wiring, cables, and hardware. Over 75 National Stock Numbers and over 375 pieces are included.

In addition to assembling kits, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., also receives, inducts, and stows pre-assembled ship kits supporting weapons systems throughout the U.S. Armed Forces. The \$12 billion inventory at DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., includes parts and equipment for F-15, C-130, C-5 and C-17 aircraft, target acquisition systems, and most airborne electronic warfare systems.