

DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., supports Cobra Gold 2011

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The team from Unitized Group Rations, or UGR, and the Shipping Division of DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., performed a critical role in support of our Warfighters by providing subsistence in support of Exercise Cobra Gold 2011 commencing in Thailand Feb. 7. DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., has been providing subsistence support for this exercise since the 1980s.

Prior to the shipment of the subsistence, requirements were generated from Service component participants (Army, Navy and Marines). The requirements were passed to DLA Troop Support who worked closely with the DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., team to consolidate vendor sourced items with depot stocked items to maximize transportation efficiency in support of the exercise.



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“It was critical that we [UGR and the shipping personnel] verified all documentation line items and that ration quantities were correct to ensure the warfighter has the correct amount of subsistence to sustain themselves during the exercise. Once out in the field there is no back up food available,” said Donald Potts, UGR distribution facilities specialist.

Upon arrival in Thailand, the 20-foot MILVANS were delivered to various sites to support the Army and Marine units.

Marine requirements were 12 vans with 149 pallets of subsistence to include UGR Heat & Serve Meals, Meals-Ready-to-Eat, or MRE’s and milk. The Army required 4 vans with 29 pallets of milk, MRE’s, Religious Meals, and stock from outside vendors.

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projects because there are so many different selections and they are not like bulk shipments that we normally select and ship,” Salvador Rodriguez, UGR supervisor said.

Having key points of contact from DLA Distribution San Joaquin, Calif., DLA Troop Support and the end user was key to ensuring the material was shipped in accordance with the required delivery date, or RDD.

Exercise Cobra Gold is a Joint and Coalition multinational exercise hosted annually by the Kingdom of Thailand. The purpose of the exercise is to promote regional peace and security. The exercise consists of three major milestones; a staff exercise, humanitarian civic assistance projects and field training.

The military participants represented are from Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and the United States.