

FROM THE COMMANDER



With America's military performing operations 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, throughout the globe, it takes a robust supply chain to ensure the materials flow from the "factory to the foxhole" in an efficient and timely manner.

The Defense Distribution Center, an optimized global distribution network provides responsive, reliable, end-to-end service to our customers; but what does it take to do distribution?

First and foremost, I will tell you, it's the people that make this organization a success. DDC's employees are the best in the world -- innovative, highly-skilled, motivated and focused on providing best value logistics solutions to the customer. Taking great pride in what you do, DDC continues to be the premiere distribution provider.

Every DDC employee brings a different element to the distribution supply chain pipeline; whether it is in strategic planning, receipt, storage, accountability of inventory, information technology, continuous improvement, monitoring performance metrics, kitting operations, equipment management, safety, security...the list goes on.

As we ensure sustainment for America's military around the globe and prepare for continued operations in Southwest Asia, we are synchronized with Combatant Command requirements and we are positioning the organization to support those requirements -- and those requirements continue to evolve.

DDC just broke ground on Defense Distribution Depot Europe's Logistics Distribution Center. This 250,000 sq. ft. facility will consolidate receiving, storage, issues, crossdocking and transportation operations in one facility. The facility supports European Command transformation plans and represents the first important phase of a multi-phased effort to support the

Army's strategic efforts for all DoD warehousing distribution in Germany. DDC and DDDE experts are preparing this new state-of-the-art facility to be the premiere distribution center of Europe.

The establishment of the Northern Distribution Network has been key in ensuring sustainment of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Approximately 80% of the materiel flowing along the NDN comes from DLA. DDC employees are helping to move that materiel through that pipeline.

We will deploy our Distribution Expeditionary Depot this summer to improve access to parts and to increase readiness support as the U.S. increases its presence there. With the depot, we'll have the capability to receive, store and issue materiel needed by our Warfighters right in country. A conservative estimate indicates that we will be able to reduce sustainment airlift into Afghanistan by 38 percent.

Long term plans call for a more permanent warehouse. \$20 million in military construction has already been approved for this warehouse and is expected to be awarded this summer.

As you can see, DDC plays an ever-increasing role in the overall distribution pipeline. Each DDC employee is a critical element within that pipeline supporting the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines around the world.

The front cover of this edition of the DDC Review will give you further answers to the question, "What does it take to do distribution?" Each of you can look into the box and feel proud to know that what you do plays a key role in ensuring the supplies are flowing through the distribution pipeline effectively and efficiently.

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