



DLA's Kuwait distribution center supports Camp Leatherneck warehouse rebuild in wake of fire

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Upon notification of the recent fire which demolished a warehouse at the United States Marine Corps Supply Management Unit, or SMU, in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, the Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, was called on to assist in the rebuild of materials to ensure the SMU was quickly operational and Marine readiness level restored as soon as possible.

The warehouse, which housed a majority of repair parts, to include the Marines Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle consumable and reparable items, is essential in supporting Marine combat readiness within their Area of Responsibility. The damages of the fire included over 20,000 National Stock Numbers costing approximately \$154 million.

On May 18, the Defense Logistics Agency announced that its distribution depots would begin to receive hi-priority Material Release Orders to begin replenishing stock levels. As predicted, the following day 3,500 MROs dropped at DDKS for the support of the Marine SMU, which created an approximate 130 air pallets, and were offered for shipment within 48 hours of requisition.

According to DDKS deputy commander, Jerry Brown, following the large surge of MROs, the SMU has returned to normal operational levels. However, DDKS continues



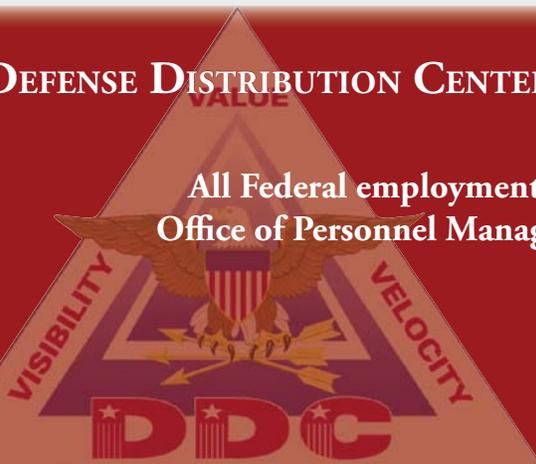
Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, recently expedited supplies to assist in the rebuild of materials lost in a fire at the United States Marine Corps Supply Management Unit in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan.

to receive approximately 30 MROs daily.

“The operational team at DDKS continues to monitor Camp Leatherneck MROs and transshipments to ensure they are handled as hi-priority missions, ensuring the best DLA support to the Marines and the war effort,” said Brown.

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