



# DLA's Guam distribution center supports USNS Mercy, exercise Pacific Partnership 2010

Deploying to serve as part of the five-month humanitarian civic assistance endeavor Pacific Partnership 2010, the United States Navy Military Sealift Command hospital ship, the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), recently arrived at Naval Base Guam to receive support from Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas.

DDGM provided significant throughput materiel, equipment, and Cold Chain support items to Mercy during her 72-hour replenishment visit at the port. Approximately 120 miscellaneous medical supplies, including the receipt of a high-priority air shipment of critical dental supplies just hours before her departure, were delivered to the USNS Mercy in Guam.

Pacific Partnership 2010, or PP10, is the fifth in a series of annual U.S. Pacific Fleet exercises aimed at

strengthening regional relationships with host nations and partner nations in Southeast Asia and Oceania. The deployment is scheduled to take place through late September 2010, and is designed to enhance relationships through medical, dental and engineering outreach projects that reinforce the mutually supporting roles between participants.

Pacific Partnership also improves the ability of the U.S. and regional countries to prepare for and better respond to disasters, such as pandemic illness, typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis.

USNS Mercy is scheduled to visit Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia and Timor-Leste. The medical

treatment facility includes multiple operating rooms, sophisticated X-ray capabilities and more than 500 volunteer and military staff. Two additional visits will be made in Palau and Papua New Guinea by other Navy and partner nation ships as part of PP10.

USNS Mercy is one of two U.S. Navy hospital ships and is crewed by 66 civil service mariners, of the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift



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Command, who navigate the ship to each mission stop, run the ship's engineering plant and transport patients and mission personnel between ship and shore in small boats.

Pacific Partnership conducts humanitarian and civic assistance by working with and through host and partner nations, non-governmental organizations and other U.S. government agencies. In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, Pacific Partnership also provides valuable experiences to learn from host nation military and civilian experts. DDGM is one of PACOM's distribution support hubs and maintains condition code A stock of humanitarian aid and disaster relief contingency materiel, and stands ready to deliver supply support to ensuring the U.S. military is able to rapidly respond in support of emergency relief efforts.



**A Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas employee prepares materiel to be loaded onto the United States Navy Military Sealift Command hospital ship, the USNS Mercy.**