



# DDRT expedites life-saving kits to troops in Afghanistan

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From the moment the Defense Depot Red River, Texas, learned of the Warfighter's need for Rocket Propelled Grenade, or RPG, defeat protection until the last of 600 kits were delivered to Dover Air Force Base, DDRT had two things in mind – the Warfighter, and the satisfaction that what they were doing was saving lives.

RPG Net Kits are designed for the MRAP All Terrain Vehicle, or M-ATV. The RPG netting is made of Kevlar and provides the M-ATV and Warfighter with improved protection from RPGs.

DDRT employees reacted swiftly, skillfully and with a sense of urgency as if their own lives depended on the mission. But this sense of urgency is not new to the employees of DDRT, who provide

the very best Warfighter support daily. Immediately after receiving the requisition from the customer for the kits, DDRT jumped into action to fulfill the order. Blocking off a road with assistance from Red River Army Depot security and fire department, employees laid the nearly 1,300 pound kits out to work en masse, pulling resources from the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, team to execute the mission, alongside 10 personnel from the Major End Items operations.

A reporting mechanism was quickly put into place to ensure all appropriate data for each load was obtained and provided for visibility. This effort included a twice daily report through the Defense Logistics Agency MRAP Program Office, as well as the United States Transportation Command, United States Central Command, Dover Air Base, and the MRAP Joint Program Office. DDRT was continuously providing Transportation



**Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas, recently fulfilled an urgent requirement to ship 600 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All Terrain Vehicle Rocket Propelled Grenade kits to Afghanistan through Dover Air Force Base. RPG Net Kits are designed for the M-ATV, and are made of Kevlar and provide the M-ATV and Warfighter with improved protection from RPGs.**

Control numbers, carrier and vehicle numbers, Government Bill of Lading numbers, date/time departed, and remarks that provided detail as crates were packed and trucks loaded.

“When the requisition came in, I explained to employees that this was extremely high visibility, but what made it truly important was that it was urgently needed by a soldier downrange. They really took ownership and pride in their work and I am astounded at the output,” said DDRT commander Army Lt. Col. James Bass, III.

The buildup of troops in Afghanistan is resulting in an increase in MRAP support from DLA. The M-ATV is the newest addition to the MRAP family, and is lighter and more maneuverable than standard MRAPs to aid forces in Afghanistan in navigating the country's rugged terrain.



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