



DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas: Working for freedom

Creating efficiencies in inventory planning, storage, and distribution is critical to DLA Distribution's mission of supporting the readiness and sustainment of America's Warfighters. DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, is contributing to that mission with its tailored logistics support to Corpus Christi Army Depot, or CCAD, and other major customers, as well as through its protection of employees and its customer's assets through its "safety first" mentality, and upcoming expansion of mission.

DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, serves as the primary wholesale distribution point for major components to support helicopter repair missions for DoD and Foreign Military Sales customers worldwide. Its mission is to receive, store, pack, preserve, issue and arrange transportation for assigned supplies and equipment as directed by DLA and Service Inventory Control Point Item Managers.

Items processed by the distribution center include repair parts for principal end items such as small aircraft and helicopters, avionics, electronics, industrial, petroleum, chemical, radioactive and other hazardous materials. DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, performs responsibilities as the Responsible Property Officer for all assets in storage. Other services provided by the center include loading and unloading helicopters and other priority cargo from C-17, C-5A, C-141, and C-130 aircraft

operated by the Air Mobility Command and local delivery of aircraft components and other items to designated customers.

Kitting operations

Key in DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas' tailored support to customers, the organization began its kitting initiative specifically to support CCAD, the only premier Department of Defense Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence for Aviation Maintenance, including maintenance repair requirements in support of Army Aviation. The kitting builds allow the organization to provide repair parts in one single container rather than CCAD receiving separate pieces and parts through various shipments.

DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, and CCAD have formed a unique partnership in support of CCAD's "Lean Line Production" program through the creation of a "one stop shop," with DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, providing total parts packages and direct delivery to local maintenance shops. These measures assist CCAD in its ongoing efforts to cut costs and streamline their maintenance programs, by ensuring that it has the exact parts and tools needed during the helicopter repair process. DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, has a program in place to track CCAD demand patterns for retail items, restocking items according to demand, allowing the customer to save time

and money.

According to DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, commander United States Army Lt. Col. Bernard Warrington, Jr., "Our kit building operation allows us to provide our Army, Navy, and Air Force customers with their maintenance repair materiel parts in 'a single container.' This enables our organization to provide Warfighter Support Enhancements to Army, Navy and Air Force rotary wing aviation maintainers worldwide who ultimately enhance their leader's training and mission readiness."

DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, has recently increased its kitting support to seven different mission design series aircraft within the four military services, providing more than 181 different types of pre-assembled hardware kits designed to support airframe and component programs. Additionally, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, builds maintenance aviation materiel kits for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Safety First

It takes more than millions of sq. feet of warehouse space, Materiel Handling Equipment, commercial carriers, and intricate transportation routes and schedules for DLA Distribution to meet its goal of providing effective and efficient support to military customers worldwide. Another important part of the equation is the employees. DLA Distribution



Corpus Christi relies on those employees to be healthy and safe in order to successfully meet its mission of support to the Warfighter daily.

To reinforce the emphasis on safety, DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, actively engages the workforce in safety awareness activities, which include monthly safety meetings and training, morning meetings, weekly safety topic and training conducted by supervisors, safety handouts, safety stand-down meetings, special guest speakers and visual queues. Additionally, citing a link between a healthy workforce and a safe workforce, Warrington has implemented an Annual Employee Wellness Day as well as a workforce-wide fitness challenge.

These efforts have resulted in DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, which prides itself on safety

accountability touting its slogan “Safety is everyone’s responsibility,” receiving recognition for its efforts by the Contractor Safety Council of the Coastal Bend, which presented the organization with a safety award in the category “Most Improved for Calendar Year 2009” earlier in the year.

HAZMAT transfer

DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas, is also busy working through the latest expansion of its mission. The Base Realignment and Closure directive of 2005 directed that the supply, storage and distribution of hazardous materiel function currently being performed by CCAD transition to DLA Distribution Corpus Christi, Texas. As a result of the directive, experts from the Defense Logistics Agency and the United States Army recently held their first implementation meeting to discuss

the transfer and develop a plan for the way forward.

Members from DLA, Aviation Missile Command, or AMCOM, and CCAD, met at the distribution center to gain a common understanding of the functions and processes of the mission and how they interface within the overall CCAD maintenance requirement process.

The February transfer will include the 63 contractor personnel who currently perform the mission.

“Our organization prides itself on understanding customer value-added requirements, and finding ways to optimize performance, lean waste, lower cost, and improve quality and transportation. We always remember: the ultimate goal is to provide the right materiel, at the right place in support of the Nation’s most important asset—The Warfighter!” said Warrington.