

DSCP Commander visits DDC, is impressed with partnership

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BG Jesse R. Cross, USA, Commander of Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP), visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in February to receive an overview of DDC operations.

This was the first visit to DDC for BG Cross who took command of DSCP in October 2005.

While at DDC, BG Cross was updated on DDC's work in the areas of enterprise transportation, stock positioning, the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS) and partnership activities between DDC and DSCP.

"I'm pleased with the level of cooperation between DDC and DSCP and our partnership to support the Warfighter," said BG Cross.

DSCP is DLA's lead center for troop and general support and manages food, clothing and textiles, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, construction and equipment items for the military.

BG Cross also toured Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa.'s (DDSP) Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) and medical assembly operations in New Cumberland, Pa., and DDSP's medical storage site in Mechanicsburg, Pa.



BG Cross (right) toured DDSP's Eastern Distribution Center during a recent visit to DDC. The EDC is DoD's largest distribution center and receives, processes and ships millions of supplies to America's Warfighters each year. BG Cross was joined on the tour by Pat McCormick, Director of DDC Logistics Operations (left), DDSP Commanding Officer CAPT Jim Naber, SC, USN (center), and DDC Deputy Commander Phyllis Campbell, SES (not pictured).

Social Security Administration benchmarks with DDC

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Representatives from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Office of Supply and Warehouse Management visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) earlier this year to benchmark with DDC for possible ways to enhance their distribution network.

During the visit, SSA representatives received an overview of DDC's command including how DDC is organized, budget, shipping points and current initiatives.

Maj Paul Smith, USMC, the team leader for DDC's Distribution Standard System – Vendor Module (DSS-VM)

roll out team, also gave the group a presentation on how DDC uses DSS-VM, a component of the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS) that manages the movement of products from vendors and distribution centers to customers for optimum speed of delivery and visibility of assets during shipment.

"Our day-to-day goal is to improve the quality of transportation," said Maj Smith.

The visitors were particularly impressed with how DDC uses the system to receive advance notice of incoming shipments from vendors. "We want to use your operation as a pattern for ours ... your success is obvious since you have the top 255 vendors using your system," said John Spencer, Director of SSA's Office of Supply and Warehouse Management in the Office of Publications and Logistics Management.



Maj Paul Smith, USMC, DDC's team leader for the roll out of DSS-VM, described the advantages of the system to visitors from SSA's Office of Supply and Warehouse Management.