

DDC Team awarded DLA Performance Award 2005

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Forty-nine members of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) were awarded the DLA Performance Award 2005 by VADM Keith Lippert, SC, USN, Director, DLA, for their efforts in establishing four new overseas distribution centers focusing on local and regional support to the Warfighter.

DDC, DLA's lead center for distribution, conducted an extensive review of the strategic distribution requirements for the Department of Defense (DOD) global basing and force deployment operations. The key to logistics transformation is having the right stock at the right location to support the Combatant Commanders' operational requirements in support of DOD's global force basing operations.

DDC recognizes the requirement for globally positioned distribution capabilities to meet the requirements for sustainment while simultaneously managing the supply chain to operate efficiently to maximize the use of available resources

DDC is working to create a supply chain that includes strategic inventory positioning that quickly reacts to Warfighter requirements to support expeditionary and sustainment missions. These DDC operations are highly successful in satisfying historical Warfighter requirements.

However, the restructuring of U.S. Forces, rebasing initiatives and demands for a more mobile and agile force required a review of DDC current distribution capabilities, stock positioning, and warehousing operations. DDC operates a number of distribution centers both within and outside the continental United States to support Warfighter peacetime and contingency requirements. Based on this extensive review, DDC decided to reengineer business processes across the enterprise to enhance the support levels to the Warfighter.

One of the driving factors affecting the support level is the need to change the overall stock positioning concept for distribution operations around the world.

The plan for sites outside the continental U.S. (OCONUS) dramatically changed the DDC



Accepting the award from VADM Lippert is Marv Salsman. Behind him (left to right) is Connie Clouser, Diane Covalt, Deb Singletary, Jan Swinehart, Paul Hodson, Harold Bohn, DDC Deputy Commander Phyllis C. Campbell, and John Bianco.

footprint in the theaters of operation by developing a forward stock positioning concept that improves customer wait time and significantly drives down transportation cost.

The DDC OCONUS presence expanded into four locations, some critical areas of responsibility: Kuwait, Korea, Italy, and Guam.

In order to meet the logistics transformation challenge, DDC had to develop a unique logistics solution set for implementation. DDC established a team to meet the strategic and tactical design concepts for establishing a forward presence.

Comprised of functional experts from all aspects of distribution operations including facilities, finance, automation systems, contracting, and equipment management, the team possessed a thorough strategic and tactical knowledge of operating force requirements and theater sustainment operations.

The stand up of the additional OCONUS locations provides the Agency with a transportation cost avoidance of \$465 million through fiscal year 2011. The distribution centers established in these specific areas of operations provide improved combat readiness through enhanced distribution capabilities by significantly reducing customer wait time for critical supplies to the Warfighter.

The members of the DDC Team were Renee Cairo-Iocco and Ruthie Maggs, from DDC Acquisition; Terry Dobbs, Wayne Galloway, Charles Personous, and Harold Bohn from

Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP); Marv Salsman, Connie Clouser, Joe Faris, Ron Graves, Paul Hodson, Tom Kunisky, MSG LaSand Reynolds, USA, and Deborah Singletary from DDC Logistics Operations; Eileen Boyer, LTC Clay Newton, LTC Mike Nowaczyk, Charlie Nye, and Scott Rosbaugh from DDC Strategic Plans; Melissa Clemens, Lindsay Crook, Willie Davis, and Darlene Ferrante from DLA Human Resource Center – New Cumberland (DHRC-N); John Bianco, Jim Douglas, Paul Galiotto, Glen Harry, Ron Kinnaird, Robert Lehmen, and Vic Montefour from DLA Enterprise Support (DES); Bill Byers, Randy Seward, Jan Swinehart, and Bob Wolfe from Information Operations; Diane Covalt, Joan Rhoads, and Vickie Zeis from DDC Financial Operations.

The most significant forward presence DDC established is Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia (DDKS), established to support U.S. forces fighting the Global War on Terrorism in Southwest Asia.

The DDKS facility is positioned to provide immediate critical sustainment supplies to U.S. and Coalition Forces engaged in combat operations. Currently, DDC has placed 40,000 high demand critical line items forward.

The establishment of this key distribution node with its forward stock positioning and enhanced physical distribution services is improving DLA's support to the Warfighter and enhancing the Combatant Commanders' ability to support