

Deployable Distribution Center wraps up operations

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The Defense Distribution Center's Deployable Distribution Center and Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point completed operations May 11 as part of a limited user evaluation for the Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration sponsored by the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts.

"The goal of this evaluation was to determine if we could put a distribution capability in place in a short amount of time and provide a more efficient process to receive and deliver materiel to our customers," said Marc Parsons, deputy commander of the Deployable Distribution Center.

During the second week of the two-week evaluation, the Deployable Distribution Center and TCSP were visited by representatives from regional Army and Marine Corps logistics organizations. The visitors were impressed with how smooth and efficient the TCSP worked.

"Most of the guests we had commented on how quickly we processed shipments and how much money we saved in the process," Parsons said.

Careful and thorough planning allowed Deployable Distribution Center and TCSP staff to reduce both the number of trucks that delivered materiel as well as delivery time.

Parsons and key members of the staff made a site visit to Korea in January to gather information about the existing distribution systems in the area. Reviewing and analyzing that information was key to their efficiency once the evaluation began.

"It was nice to know what we were

getting in to when we got here," said Karson Beal, one of the distribution process workers with the Deployable Distribution Center. "We have good leadership, and they set us up for success every time."

The preparation even paid off before the evaluation began. The original plan called for five days to set up the site. It was completed in three and began accepting shipments two days ahead of schedule.

By the time the evaluation ended, the Deployable Distribution Center and TCSP had processed 140 trucks, eight sea containers and 139 aircraft pallets—more than two million pounds of cargo.



A truck loaded with air pallets arrives at the Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point of the Deployable Distribution Center at Osan Air Base, Korea, May 7. The TCSP and Deployable Distribution Center participated in a limited user evaluation as part of an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration sponsored by the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts.



A forklift lifts an air pallet off of a delivery truck at Osan Air Base, Korea.

Getting everything processed and delivered made for some long days, but it was satisfying work according to the people who made it happen.

"I know I'm doing something that helps the war fighter," Beal added. "That's what makes me get up to do this job."



Distribution Process Workers Jocelito Olega, Robert Serrato and Karson Beal unpack an air pallet.



Distribution Process Worker Michael Leon takes a pallet of freight to its shipping lane to ensure it is loaded on the correct delivery truck.



Members of the Deployable Distribution Center staff track shipments and verify information in the center's operation center. The operations center provides real-time tracking information and communications support for logistic support to military contingencies and disaster relief operations.