

DDDE's Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point operations further improving DDC's distribution capabilities

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Since its activation in October, Defense Distribution Depot Europe's Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, or TCSP-E, has become a key link in optimizing the Defense Distribution Center's distribution support to the European Command customer.

"In just six months, the TCSP-E operation shipped more than 75,000 Transportation Control Numbers to operational units," said Army, Lt. Col. Lance Koenig, DDDE's commander.

Materiel arrives at DDDE anytime, day or night, on air-pallets, in over-ocean containers, on trucks carrying Intra-theater redistributions, and from the Balkans Express containers transported by commercial carriers.

Arriving materiel is quickly sorted, processed, and forwarded on to the final destination to meet established timeframes of 24 hours for air-cargo and 72 hours for surface cargo.

The addition of the TCSP mission has allowed DDDE to maximize use of dedicated trucks to transport materiel to units within Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Romania, Bosnia, and Kosovo, saving time and cost to the US Government.

More than 100 dedicated trucks leave DDDE each week containing materiel processed through the TCSP-E along with materiel issued from DDDE stocks. Additionally, the TCSP-E has become the destination of choice for cargo leaving the European Command theater headed for Central Command or the continental U.S. by both air and sea.

DDDE has been able to achieve success and meet the metrics for materiel processed

through the hard work of the dedicated TCSP-E employees.

"The employees have worked diligently to learn the new mission and procedures. With the experience and knowledge they brought here, the five former Joint Theater Distribution Center (or JTDC, predecessor to the TCSP-E) Kaiserslautern employees who moved to the TCSP have contributed immeasurably to our learning," said Charles Crumb, TCSP-E division chief.

Another milestone which paved the way to success was the completion of the European Intra-theater Distribution Concept of Operations, or EID CONOPS. Developed in concert with U.S. Transportation Command, the Defense Logistics Agency, and EUCOM, the EID CONOPS supports the effort to improve efficiency and interoperability of distribution activities throughout Europe. The EID CONOPS spells out the responsibilities, timelines, and processes for all concerned.

"The level of cooperation and desire to produce a timely and useful functional document was phenomenal," said



DDDE employee Aaron Huntingford, processes freight at the TCSP-E where materiel arrives 24 hours a day.

Koenig, "and the completion of the EID CONOPS allows DDDE to seamlessly coordinate our support to the war fighter. The establishment of the TCSP-E and completion of the EID CONOPS further adds to DLA's and DDDE's reputation and standing as a world-class logistics providers to the joint war fighter's of the European Command. We will continue to team with the logisticians of EUCOM and its components to determine additional ways that DDDE can contribute to the success of logistics in this theater."



Forklift driver David Sellers moves freight destined for customers in Europe. In just six months, the TCSP-E processed more than 75,000 shipments to regional customers.