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Norfolk DoD distribution center to hold Change of Command ceremony

NORFOLK, VA – The Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Va., or DDNV, will hold a change of command ceremony June 15 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pennsylvania House Flag Plaza on Naval Station Norfolk.

During the ceremony, Navy Supply Corps Capt. John F. Qua will relinquish command to Navy Supply Corps Capt. Brad A. Bellis before retiring after more than 26 years in the U.S. Navy. Defense Distribution Center Commander Army Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar will preside over the ceremony.

Bellis joins the Defense Distribution Center team after serving as the Director of Subsistence Operations at Defense Supply Center Philadelphia. He has also commanded Defense Energy Support Center Pacific and served at the Pentagon and at Naval Inventory Control Point Philadelphia.

In direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he took the USS Saipan to war and led a special team under U.S. Central Command whose mission was to oversee fuel importation contracts to ensure the availability of fuel stocks during the establishment of Iraq's new interim government.

Both a teacher and a scholar, Bellis holds a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering, a Master of Business Administration degree in Decision and Information Sciences, and has been an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Bellis takes the helm after a remarkable tour by Qua whose innovative ideas and visionary leadership revolutionized DDNV's business. Even with a streamlined workforce, Qua was able to increase efficiency by 19 percent, reduce processing time by 65 percent, and achieve all Department of Defense inventory accuracy and safety goals.

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DDNV provides standard and specialized distribution services to military serving on ships as well as to major Navy industrial activities and shore establishments. Additionally, DDNV support local Army and Air Force customers.

To serve their diverse customer base, DDNV's inventory, valued at nearly \$4 billion, includes more than 250,000 items – everything from medical supplies and repair parts to night vision goggles and submarine tracking equipment.

Through the talents of nearly 300 employees, DDNV processes more than 600,000 transactions each year.

DDNV is one of 26 distribution centers around the world operated by the Defense Distribution Center.

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Defense Distribution Center, headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa, is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.

Media wishing to attend the ceremony should contact Jessica Walter at 717-649-7276 to coordinate access to the base.