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DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT RED RIVER, TEXAS TO HOLD CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

TEXARKANA, Texas –United States Army Lt. Col. Betty J. Yarbrough will relinquish command of the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) to United States Army Lt. Col. Steven A. Toft in an official ceremony on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Officiating the ceremony will be United States Army Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, Commander, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pa.

Lt. Col. Yarbrough has been DDRT's Commander since July 2005. During her tenure, Yarbrough continued to posture DDRT for future success by realigning operations and improving efficiencies while observing both an increased workload and an expanded mission. In addition, Yarbrough managed over 1200 reimbursable projects valued at \$100 million and generating over \$22 million in revenue annually.

In addition to commanding DDRT, Yarbrough was instrumental in standing up the DDC's deployable distribution center and served as its first commander. The deployable distribution center is a cadre of distribution personnel and equipment ready to deploy to provide distribution services in the event of a natural disaster inside the continental United States. It is a deployable and scalable distribution operation that can receive, store, issue, transship, and maintain in-transit visibility for items needed for relief efforts, such as food, water, and construction material. The deployable distribution center can be deployed in response to requests from federal or state agencies, which have been approved by the United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and DOD.

Yarbrough's next assignment will be as Quartermaster Branch Chief, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8 in the Focused Logistics Division, Pentagon.

Lt. Col. Toft is a native of Osseo, Wisconsin. He served five years prior enlisted service in Air Defense Artillery culminating as a Staff Sergeant. After leaving active duty, he received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps while serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Toft is a graduate of the Army Medical Department Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters degree from Austin Peay State University.

Toft's past assignments include: Stinger Missile Crew Chief, 1-32 Field Artillery, Fliegerhorst Caserne, Hanau, Germany; Stinger Missile Squad Leader, 2-44th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Medical Platoon Leader, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Cookeville, Tenn.; Ambulance Platoon Leader, 25th Medical Battalion; Medical Platoon Leader, 4-22 Infantry Battalion; Executive Officer, C/225th Forward Support Battalion and Deputy Support Operations Officer, 225th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Commander, C/99th Support Battalion, 9th Separate Infantry Brigade, Fort Polk, La.; Commander, Medical Troop, Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, Louisiana; Reserve Component Advisor, Readiness Group Fort Riley; Battalion S2/3, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, Kan.; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas; Chief, Division Medical Operations Center, 101st Airborne Division; Executive Officer, 86th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Campbell, Ky.; S2/3, 1st Medical Brigade; Executive Officer, 1st Medical Brigade; Deputy Surgeon, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.

Toft's operational and combat deployments include Haiti 1995, OEF-I Afghanistan, OIF-I Kuwait/Iraq and OIF 06-08 Iraq.

Toft's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Local media wishing to cover this event may report to the Red River Army Depot Main Gate no later than 8:30 a.m. For information pertaining to this media event, please contact Ms. Stacy Umstead at (717) 856-1243.

DDRTs primary mission is to provide distribution services and tailored logistics solutions of the highest quality, on time and at the best value to the Warfighter and other customers. DDRT provides distribution support for Class IX repair parts and secondary items for tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and major weapon systems. These distribution services are housed in a state-of-the-art distribution facility. This facility became operational in 1998 and provides for receipt, storage, packaging/marketing and shipping functions to be performed under one roof.

DDRT also has a large Class VII major end item distribution mission. The Army has designated DDRT as the storage site for its Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems and the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles. In support of these systems, DDRT builds and maintains a supply of basic issue items and components that accompany wheeled and tracked vehicles shipped to units in the field. These kits include such things as wrenches, vehicle jacks, tie-down ropes or cables, and other items needed to perform minor maintenance in the field. The distribution center is also the primary distribution point for the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System. This system links communications in a network between wheeled vehicles, tracked vehicles, helicopters, and soldiers on foot.

When weapon systems, vehicles, or aircraft are delivered to Service units, those units also get support packages assembled by DDRT employees. Tailored logistics support for these weapon systems involves total package kitting which includes spare parts, tools, technical publications/manuals and diagnostic equipment needed to keep a particular item up and running until full operational support systems are in place. DDRT tailors this support to specific customer requirements. In addition, DDRT provides rebuilt roadwheels and track and complete wheel assemblies for many of the vehicles being used by the various Services.

Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn., 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.

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