

## News Release



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### **Defense Distribution Center supporting U.S. military efforts; playing key role in movement of Haiti relief supplies**

**New Cumberland, Pa. – (January 20, 2010)** The Defense Distribution Center and its distribution facilities are supporting the U.S. military and other government agencies providing humanitarian aid in earthquake-stricken Haiti.

“DDC is supporting the U.S. Southern Command-led mission around the clock,” said Senior Executive Service member, William Budden, DDC’s deputy commander. “Items such as food, water, cots, tents and maps are moving through the distribution pipeline with the majority of items shipped in less than 12 hours from time of requisition.”

Since DDC’s support to the Haiti mission began last week, more than 1.5 million ready-to-eat meals have been delivered to customers from DDC’s distribution facilities.

“Personnel at the Defense Distribution Depot in Norfolk ensured that the USNS Comfort, the Navy’s hospital ship, departed the mid-Atlantic region on Saturday stocked with more than 6,000 ready-to-eat meals,” said Budden.

In addition to the Comfort, DDNV delivered almost 400,000 ready-to-eat meals to the Naval ship USNS Sacagawea, the Military Sealift Command’s Dry Cargo ship, Monday.

Containers were loaded at the Defense Distribution Depot Albany with almost 700,000 ready-to-eat meals destined for Southern Fla.

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“Norfolk and Albany continue to play a key role in distributing ready-to-eat meals to key Naval customers,” continued Budden.

Over the weekend, members of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. built more than 23 463L Air Lines of Communication pallets containing blankets, cots and tents in support of State Department requirements. “Ten truckloads left our facility in New Cumberland destined for customers supporting the relief efforts,” Budden said.

The Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, who is providing hydrographic, topographic and flight maps to U.S. forces, has processed over 1,300 lines of map products, totaling almost 40,000 maps.

DDC distribution facilities are also shipping medical kits and unitized group rations.

“DDC’s centers are focused and continue to aggressively work all Haiti requirements,” said Budden.

For more information, please contact Stacy Umstead, DDC Public Affairs Officer, at (717) 770-2880.

*For more than a decade, the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DDC operates a global network of 25 distribution centers that employ nearly 8,000 people worldwide. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.*

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Ready-to-eat meals are distributed from DDC's distribution facility in Norfolk, Va.