

Navy Reserves Support DDDE

Navy Reserve Unit Defense Distribution Center (DDC) A-106 supported Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE) June 11-22, 2001 with 19 people. The Reservists blended right in with the DDDE workforce of almost 100 civilians that include Americans and foreign nationals, mostly Germans.

DDC A-106 Reservists inventoried and relocated more than 100 bulk rack storage locations within the DDDE Central Warehouse. All this shuffling is needed to make room for the upcoming installation of a new automated racking system.

The DDC A-106 Reservists also helped to receive and stock new items, as well as pick and ship more than 2,000 orders of contingency and re-supply as well as Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) material to DDDE customers within Europe and the Middle East.

DDDE employees and managers hope the DDC A-106 Reservists can return next year. "They were a great help to us," said DDDE Commander LTC Jeffrey K. Young. "Our workload is increasing from day to day as a result of the forward stocking initiative (FSI) and the Reservists really stood up to the challenge."

"All the members like making a difference," LCDR Kevin Kincaid, DDC A-106 Executive Officer, said. "We could see the work being completed and it is very satisfying to know that we helped."

This was the third year reserve units have worked at DDDE. Each time the reservists worked for two weeks.

DDC A-106 Reservists are based in Harrisburg, PA. The unit has 29 members, 2 Officers and 27 Enlisted. Reservists put in

one weekend a month and two weeks every year. Full-time jobs for these reservists range from hospital administrators to police officers.

DDC A-106 Reservists usually spend their reserve weekends working for another DDC distribution center, the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP). This work helps DDSP meet production goals and keeps the reservists trained for contingencies. That training allowed the DDC A-106 Reservists to hit the ground running at DDDE.

DDDE, located in Germersheim, Germany, is the DDC's only facility on the European continent. Its distribution facilities are strategically positioned in central Europe and take advantage of readily available air, road, rail, and barge modes of transportation.

DDDE provides initial surge capability to all four service components during the transition to war phase and is actively involved in regular and contingency support to the warfighter operating throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Current commodities distributed by DDDE are operational rations, barrier/construction material, clothing, textiles and tentage. DDDE also provides routine logistic support to the military community in Europe. It also provides transportation and logistic support for the co-located Defense Distribution Mapping Activity Map Support Office in Germersheim. Additionally, DDDE supports Defense Supply Center, Richmond, through its retrograde program for ozone depleting substances. DDDE also is the Theatre Break Bulk Point for supplies going to the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system.



DDC A-106 Reservists at DDDE.

McElwee Recognized for Sick Leave Saved

Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) Commander LtCol Randall Bockenstedt presents Danny McElwee, DDRT Division Chief with a sick leave certificate for saving 3,000 hours of sick leave.

"On February 10, 2001, I accumulated 3,000 hours of sick leave. That sick leave is worth almost \$100,000. A very good insurance policy that does not cost me a penny. In my entire 30 years career, I have used only 95 hours of sick leave," McElwee explained.

"The most I have used in any one year was 20. I did not do this on my own; the LORD blessed me with good health. I had open-heart surgery in 1962, so I knew from the very beginning of my career that I needed to save my sick leave for any emergency that may come my way. To me, that just made good

sense, but since then with the passing of years, the good sense will now pay extremely valuable dividends. I now have more options in the use of this sick leave. I can use it for my own illness; for taking care of family member that are sick, including care for the elderly members; and for adding additional service time to my retirement package," he said.

"Regardless of what happens now, I feel blessed in knowing I have 1 and 1/2 years of sick leave to use to provide financial security for my family and me," McElwee explained.



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