

United in Memory of the Heroes and Victims of 9-11

By DDC Public Affairs

Defense Distribution Center (DDC) employees around the world gathered to remember the Patriots that lost their lives on 9-11 and that fight around the world today to protect us from terrorism.

In New Cumberland, Penn., the DDC Headquarters and home of the largest distribution center, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna (DDSP), employees gathered for morning and afternoon memorials.

At noon, volunteers gathered around the flagpole and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The idea for the gathering came from Barbara Houser, a DDC Logistics Operations Management and Program Analyst. "I just had to do something," Houser said.

The "something" included writing and printing programs, inviting all of DDC headquarters, the installation tenants and residents, and encouraging everyone to show their patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue.

At Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) LTC Charles S. Young, DDRT Commander, also led employees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DDRT also shared a display table for employees to "Observe and Remember" this event.

At Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Ca (DDJC) employees received a decal shaped in the form a pentagon with

9-11, the World Trade towers, an American flag and the word REMEMBER. A slide show containing scenes from the DDJC ceremony shortly after 9-11-2001 and pictures from terrorists attacks on the WTC and Pentagon was sent to all exchange users and posted on the depot web page.

At noon DDJC fire and police departments sounded sirens, which were followed by a moment of silence. Afterwards employees gathered in their work center to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Many people wore red, white and blue t-shirts commemorating 9-11.

Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa (DDSP) held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in the heart of the Eastern Distribution Center at 0835. DDSP Commander CAPT Robert J. Ritchie, SC, USN, reminded the more than 150 attendees that President Bush proclaimed September 11, 2002 to be Patriot Day. An American flag that was flown over the Pentagon on August 14, 2002 was presented into the safe-keeping of the DDSP Fire Department; after which, a member of the department shared the impact of his visit to Ground Zero following 9/11. Heads bowed in a moment of silent remembrance; the ceremony concluded with a bugler resounding Taps from a mezzanine balcony.



Clockwise from left:
DDC's Barb Houser.
DDRT employees gather to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
DDRT employees gather to observe and remember.