

Corps Support Group (Forward) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Lieutenant Colonel Talley's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster). He also wears the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

DDRT's primary mission is to provide distribution support for secondary items and for repair parts on tracked and wheeled vehicles, aircraft and weapons systems. In 1994, a contract was awarded to build a facility that would consolidate receiving, storing, shipping, packaging and marking operations under one roof. After modifications and equipment integration, DDRT has a modernized distribution center with a total project cost in excess of \$50 million. The Distribution Operations Center contains 640,000 square feet of warehouse and operational space. The facility became fully operational in November 1998 with significant storage capacity. The Army has desig-

nated DDRT as the storage site for its Bradley Infantry Vehicles, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.

DDRT also builds and maintains a supply of basic issue items that accompany wheeled and tracked vehicles shipped to units in the field. These kits include such things as wrenches, jacks, tie-down ropes or cables, and other items needed to perform minor maintenance in the field. The depot is the sole distribution point for the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System. This system, being fielded throughout the Army, links communications between wheeled vehicles, tracked vehicles, helicopters and soldiers on foot. When weapon systems, vehicles or aircraft are delivered to Army units, they also get support packages assembled by DDRT employees. These packages contain spare parts, tools, technical publications and diagnostic equipment needed to keep a particular item up and running until full operational maintenance systems are in place.

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## DDNV Welcomes CAPT Robert Howard, SC, USN

CAPT James N. Hagarty, SC, USN, relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Virginia (DDNV) to CAPT Robert L. Howard, SC, USN, in an official ceremony on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 on the grounds of the Pennsylvania House, Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, VA. Officiating at the ceremony was VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN, Director, DLA. CAPT Hagarty also retired from the U.S. Navy after 38 1/2 years of service.

CAPT Hagarty assumed command of DDNV August 9, 2001. CAPT Hagarty's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. He is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer, a logistics services and support specialist and has been designated as a Joint Services Officer sub-specialist and as a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.

CAPT Howard comes to DDNV after serving as Director, Supply Corps Detailing Division, Naval Personnel Command, Millington, Tennessee.

CAPT Howard is a 1977 graduate of the University of Mississippi where, through the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics. He was commissioned in 1977 at Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. In 1987 he earned a Master of Acquisition Management degree from the Naval Post Graduate School.

CAPT Howard attended the Naval Supply Corps School in Athens, GA. His initial tour of duty as a supply officer was

aboard the nuclear ballistic missile submarine USS NATHANEL GREENE (SSBN 636). From there, he reported aboard the submarine USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN-640) as the Supply Officer. His next assignment took him to Bethpage, NY as a contacting intern at the Naval Plant Representative Office with the Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

Other fleet and shore assignments include a tour as Submarine Supply Assistance Team Officer on USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33) in Kings Bay, GA; the Naval Post Graduate School; Retail Operations Officer for Commander Submarine Force, US Atlantic Fleet Assistant Supply Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) and the Aviation Supply Office (ASO) in Philadelphia, PA. While at ASO, he served as director to the Inventory Accuracy Division, Provisioning and Technical Documentation Division, and Customer Operations Division. Commander Howard was the commissioning Supply Officer aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75). Following his tour aboard HARRY S. TRUMAN, he was assigned as Executive Officer at the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk on March 1, 1999.

CAPT Howard's personal awards include Navy Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars and the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star. He has also earned the Navy Good Conduct Medal and is a qualified Submarine Supply Officer and Naval Aviation Supply Officer.