

employees – over 50 percent being military veterans – have worked six days each week, or more. The employees understand why the material is needed and understand the urgency.

As a function of the Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP), DDSP receives material from other Defense Distribution Depots, vendors, and General Services Administration (GSA) and consolidates the material into 463L Air Force pallets or containers for shipment overseas. These consolidations eliminate multiple shipments to a theater distribution center or supply support activity. In support of the war on terrorism, the CCP operation has ramped up. In April 2003, DDSP built more than 2,300 air pallets, stuffed more than 800 surface containers, and processed more than 200,000 lines of material for consolidation and further shipment overseas.

This may not seem like much until compared with the figures from one year ago. In April 2002, DDSP employees built more than 700 air pallets, stuffed more than 350 surface containers, and received more than 40,000 lines of material for consolidation and further shipment overseas. “A very impressive increase in numbers generated by a very impressive and dedicated workforce,” said DDSP Commander CAPT Robert Ritchie, SC, USN. “The DDSP workforce can and should be proud of their support

to the Warfighters and their contribution to the War on Terror.”

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## **Room to Spare - for a Moment or Two**

Some warehouses at Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Virginia (DDNV) are looking a little empty these days. At least they did for a few hours.

In support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, DDNV issued almost every Humanitarian Daily Ration (HDR) and Meals Ready to Eat (MRE).

A rare sight to see a DDNV warehouse so empty – but it is filling back up now.

