

DDSP VIP Kids

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V.I.P. Kid's Day 2004 had a record attendance this year, with over 120 children and their parents attending. The day gives an opportunity for children to see what it is exactly that their parents and grandparents do at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP). Understanding a parent's workplace can provide insight and another level of identity for a child to their parent.

The day began with a special video for kids explaining what it is the Defense Logistics Agency does. DDSP Deputy Commander Andy Leitzel then gave a brief presentation explaining what role DDSP plays in the bigger picture of the distribution of supplies. Selected members of the group were then assigned into a temporary squadron, headed by DDSP's Master Staff Sergeant Alberto Delgado, USA, and Sergeant Tony King, USA. The two led the little soldiers during the Eastern Distribution Center (EDC) tour.

Kids and parents alike posed many questions to tour guide, Sherre Mitten-Bell, who led the large group over the entire process of how the EDC operates. After the tour, the kids broke for lunch at the In-Flight Café with a special kid's lunch menu.

New to this year, were tours of the Youth and Child Development Center and the Fire and Police Station. Fire Department Captain Herbert Morrow, Assistant Fire Chief Henry Hoffman, Child and Youth Directors Mary Ann Jordan and Amanda Munoz, all served as tour guides for the kids and their parents, and provided insight into how their organizations work.

"I never realized how big this place was. It's neat to know that my mom is helping the Soldiers in Iraq by sending them stuff they need," said Jim Connell.

We are all proud of your mother Jim, just like we are all proud of the entire DDSP team.

DDRT Holds "Bring Your Child to Work Day"

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"Bring Your Child to Work Day" was held Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT). A group of 50 children were welcomed by LTC Hugh B. Talley, Jr., USA, DDRT Commander.

Fun, games, and a drawing competition were held before the children boarded a bus for a tour of the depot. The tour included Building 591, Vehicle Staging Area, the Fire Stations and other points of interest. The tour was followed by a lunch picnic at nearby Elliott Lake. DDRT employee Rose Wilson organized the event.

