

DDC Visited by DLA's Studer and DSCR's Bailey

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DSCR Deputy Commander, Jim Bailey, SES, examines a carton in the sortation area of the EDC where items are sorted, packed and made ready for shipment to the Warfighters.

Ella Studer, SES, Director of DLA Enterprise Support (DES) and Jim Bailey, SES, Deputy Commander of Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) visited the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) in July to discuss environmental issues at Richmond, a site that also houses two of DDC's distribution centers-Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, VA and Defense Distribution Mapping Activity.

During the visit, the group also heard presentations on DDC's stock positioning initiatives and an overview of DDC's strategic plans. Later, the visitors were guided on a tour of the Eastern Distribution Center, the largest warehouse in the Department of Defense and the main building used by DDC's eastern strategic distribution platform, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA, in support of the Warfighter.

Packaging, Handling, Logistics Engineers at DDC

More than thirty members of the National Institute for Packaging, Handling and Logistics Engineers (NIPHLE) visited DDC as part of their Spring 2004 Conference.

The NIPHLE Conference was opened May 17 by BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, Commander DDC, with a presentation on current DDC initiatives and an update on doing business with the government. BG Gainey discussed DDC's support to the Warfighter including the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS), the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and DDC's strategic Forward Stocking Initiative (FSI) as well as how private industry can partner with DDC. "DDC and all the Department of Defense cannot do it alone. Industry is a vital link in supplying the Warfighter and your work is helping to improve military readiness."

The group toured Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA's (DDSP)

DDSP Packaging Specialist John Price leads NIPHLE tour through Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP), DoD's largest distribution operation.



Eastern Distribution Center (EDC). Their primary area of interest was the work DDC is doing to improve intransit visibility, especially regarding the various RFID programs in which DDC participates.

Larry Finley, one of DDC's Packaging Specialists, received the NIPHLE Packaging Award for 2004 and was presented the Military Packaging Professional Certificate from the School of Military Packaging

Technology (SMPT). It recognizes his completion of continuing education outlined by Army School of Military Packaging, Aberdeen, MD.

NIPHLE is an organization of professionals interested in distribution and logistics. NIPHLE holds two annual national training conferences of significant professional importance.