

# DDDC Change of Command

## FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS~ CAPTAIN KATHLEEN DUSSAULT!

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On March 20, 2003, Captain Kathleen M. Dussault, Supply Corps, United States Navy, relinquished command of the Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, California to Captain Frank Lindell, Supply Corps, United States Navy in a ceremony officiated by Brigadier General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

The Navy Band Southwest, San Diego, provided their musical talent to the ceremony, while the Shore Immediate Maintenance Activity, San Diego, proudly presented the National Colors.

The significance of the change of command ceremony goes back to the beginning of our nation's history and provides for the orderly transfer of organizational responsibility and accountability. The reading of the orders and the passing of the colors is a symbolic act, through which the outgoing commander relinquishes authority to his superior, who in turn passes authority on to the incoming commander.

Brigadier General Gainey opened the ceremony by addressing the employees of DDDC, "The over 80 shore and afloat commands in the San Diego Region Southwest who depend on you each and every day are in good hands, your ability to manage the supplies and services, whether an inherent government activity or contracted, is the cornerstone of our success in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and winning the war on terrorism."

Captain Dussault, on behalf of the employees of DDDC, accepted the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, presented by General Gainey. The award was issued to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and all Field Activities for the superior support to elements of the United States Armed Forces participating in Operations Noble Force and Enduring Freedom while maintaining outstanding support to on-going Balkan operations. The efforts of DLA, DDC, and DDDC significantly contributed to the Nation's homeland security and warfighting efforts.

Captain Dussault, who assumed command of DDDC on May 18, 2001, attributes the success of DDDC to the employees, "The folks I feel indebted to and have been humbled by their professionalism and commitment to duty, are the men and women, past and present, here at DDDC. Notwithstanding, a pressurized period of A-76 competition and a critical transition period to contractor operation, the customer was always paramount and the service was consistently superior. These folks kept on plugging amid immense personal flux and uncertainty to their own professional futures. They deserve a true 'Bravo Zulu.'"

Captain Dussault further acknowledged the partnership with Labat-Anderson by stating, "The current DDDC organization is emblematic of the best elements of public/private collaboration

that has made the United States the preeminent global player both economically and militarily. By leveraging the strengths of private industry, we put to work the incredible strength of the American spirit and concentrate on the core capabilities of the Armed Forces that we serve."

Captain Dussault's next assignment is as Commanding Officer, Special Projects Office, Pentagon, Washington DC.

Taking the helm, Captain Frank Lindell, who comes to DDDC from the Military Sealift Command, where he served as Director of Logistics, acknowledged that he was excited to lead such a fine workforce, and was eager to get to the work at hand. Lindell's previous assignments include numerous tours at sea as well as shore assignments as the Executive Officer and Senior Supply Management Inspector at the Readiness Support Group, Newport, Rhode Island; Assistant Supply Officer for the USS WASP; Branch Head for Platform Management of Auxiliary Ships and Director of Hull Mechanical and Electrical Program Management. Lindell, while stationed at Commander In Chief, Pacific Fleet, served as Fleet Programmer and as Resources and Requirements Officer, Comptroller Directorate. Prior to serving his last sea tour, Lindell served as Director of Food Service for Navy at the Naval Supply Systems Command in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

DDDC is located on Naval Station San Diego and is one of the most mechanized depots in DLA. DDDC performs routine and high priority distribution operations to include receipt, store, and issue, with related functions to include transshipment, preservation, packaging, packing, stock readiness inspections, marking and reclassification.

Items processed at the depot include depot level repairables, electronics, industrial, medical, general, construction, clothing, packaged petroleum, chemicals, ship and aviation repair parts, ad small boats/amphibious craft. Roughly 60 percent of assets on hand are Navy-managed material, divided evenly between Navy Inventory Control Point wholesale material and Fleet Industrial Supply Center retail material.

DDDC is composed of two separate storage compounds five miles apart consisting of 18 warehouses containing 16 million cubic feet of covered storage and 525,000 square feet of open storage. Among DDDC's primary customers are the 76 ships homeported in San Diego and 86 major shore commands representing all services, and other smaller activities in the Southwestern United States.

A large portion of the depot's business is receiving, storing, and issuing depot level repairables for one of the Navy's largest repair facilities, Naval Aviation Depot North Island.