

Ms. Jerri Taylor Becomes DDRV's First Senior Civilian Director

Ms. Jerri L. Taylor, assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, Virginia (DDRV) in an official ceremony on Friday, April 9, 2004 in Richmond. Officiating at the ceremony, Colonel Michael Sullivan, United States Army, Chief of Staff, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Relinquishing command was Colonel Gregory Flierl, United States Air Force. Flierl served as DDRV Commander since July 2002. His next assignment is with the Defense Supply Center Richmond, Virginia.

During the ceremony, Taylor accepted the organizational flag from Colonel Sullivan then addressed her new workforce with focus on the customer, "To the men and women of Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, I am excited and honored to be your new Director. DDRV will continue to receive, store, issue and ship material to support our military customers wherever they are throughout the world. Our customers are your sons and daughters, sisters, brothers, neighbors who defend the United States of America. They rely on us to provide the material they need to protect our country, to protect our freedom. Our customers expect timeliness and quality in all that we do, our success is ultimately their success. Our country and our customers demand nothing less than the best we can do."

Taylor further commented with her commitment to DDRV, "Just as this Depot has a customer, I view the employees of DDRV as my customer. I bring 30 years of distribution experience and 15 years of management experience to YOUR team. As my customer, I look forward to understanding your needs and requirements. I will encourage and support innovative ideas. I will provide you with the tools and resources needed to do our job better and provide an environment that is energized and enthusiastic about our mission. I pledge my commitment, my leadership, and my support of the DDRV team's quest for excellence."

Taylor began her civil service career in 1974 as a Clerk Typist at the New Cumberland Army Depot, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. After holding positions in the Inventory Division and the General Supply Division she was accepted into the Army's Transportation Intern Program in 1978. She is a graduate of the Army's Transportation Officer Basic and Advanced Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia. After graduation from the intern program, she was assigned to the Army Depot System Command in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where she managed transportation policy for Army depots throughout the continental United States.

In 1981, Taylor accepted an assignment at the Army Logistics Management College in Fort Lee, Virginia as an Instructor of Logistics Management in the Depot Operations Management Course. Promoted to Course Director of the Depot Operations Management Course in 1986, she also served as a senior

instructor for physical distribution topics in the Logistics Executive Development Course, the Quartermaster General Officer Orientation Course, and the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course.

From 1989 to 1992, Taylor was the Deputy Director for Supply, Ammunition, and Transportation at Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, the Army's second largest depot. In this position she managed the receipt, storage, inventory, packaging, and shipment of a \$7 billion inventory with a workforce of 1,100 employees. In 1992, she accepted the position of Transportation Officer at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP), Department of Defense's (DoD) largest, multi-site distribution complex. Along with her staff, Taylor executed the deployment of Radio Frequency/Intransit Visibility (RF/ITV) technology, established an automated Call Center and played a key role in DoD's transportation reinvention efforts. Her most recent position was Operations Manager for second shift at DDSP, managing over 500 employees.

Taylor is a graduate of the Professional Development Program at Simmons College Graduate School of Management in Boston, Massachusetts and attended Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is the recipient of a Meritorious Civilian Service Award, numerous Special Act Awards, and the PowerTrack Management Innovation Award presented to her by the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Transportation Policy. Taylor is a member of the Margaret Corbin Chapter of Federally Employed Women and the National Defense Transportation Association.

DDRV is one of 23 distribution depots under the Defense Distribution Center located in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. DDRV provides premium distribution services to the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. DDRV also provides distribution services support to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Foreign Military Sales Program. Numerous commodities are stored in approximately seven million square feet of uncovered and covered storage areas.

DDRV is the primary DLA distribution center for hazardous material comprised of Environmental Protection Agency conforming storage space. In addition, DDRV is the primary DoD repository for Ozone Depleting Substances. A large compressed gas reclamation and cylinder refurbishment operation is in continuous operation.



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