

DDC Management Conference

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) recently held a Management Conference for distribution center commanders. During the conference, the commanders received presentations on topics including current safety initiatives, the status of A-76 projects,



BG Gainey presents CDR Vredenburgh, DDYJ Commander, with an award for outstanding inventory accuracy.

inventory accuracy, new strategic distribution platforms, an update on DLA/DDC transformation, and a workshop on Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The conference gave distribution center commanders an opportunity to learn from each other and to discuss common challenges and solutions in order to provide the best possible customer service to the Warfighter.

“Having the other depot commanders provide briefings on how they conduct business was very interesting to say the least. Although we do the same thing, or the same job gets done, we approach things in different ways” said LTC Doug Nomura, USA, Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE).



MG Robert Dail, USA, Director of Operations for U.S. TRANSCOM, presented a briefing on meeting the challenges of global distribution.

For the commanders whose distribution centers are outside of the continental United States, the conference gave them a rare chance to actually see the people they work with in the states. CDR Kent Vredenburgh, SC, USN, Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) said, “I think that the best aspect of the conference is seeing my fellow depot commanders and the HQ staff face to face. The ability to talk shop and compare ideas is really invaluable.”

For Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) Commander LTC Sheila J-McClaney, USA, the briefing on the public-private competition of mission work was most valuable. “My depot is in the middle of



DDC Commander BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, encouraged discussion on key topics.

the A-76 process, so the information from that brief will be very beneficial as I maneuver through this process.”

By the end of the three-day conference, the commanders had been briefed on 26 topics and attended the retirement ceremony of DDC Business Office Director, CAPT Chris R. McKelvey, SC, USN.

Qualities of a Good Leader



“Leadership is an influence process attainable through respectful communication.”

—Violet Fischer
DDPW Secretary

“A good leader is someone who doesn’t mind when you ask questions.”

—Mike Cox
DDRT Packer



“Able to adjust leadership style to the situation at hand.”

—Henry Lewis
DDOO Supply Technician

“Your utmost concern is the welfare of your people.”

—Cecilia Gozer
DDYJ Transportation Assistant



“A good leader will go out on the floor and work alongside the employees.”

—Celia Roberts
DDJF General Supply Specialist

“A leader is responsible, dedicated, accountable and always ensures a safe work center.”

—James Stewart

DDYJ Materials Handler

