

# Canada - United States Logistics Staff Visit Defense Distribution Center

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On October 1, 2003, participants of the United States/Canada Logistics Staff Talks visited the Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Members of the Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington DC, along with members of the National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, took time from their conference in Baltimore, Maryland to receive briefings on current DDC distribution initiatives.

DDC key staff provided briefings on initiatives such as Automated Identification Technology (AIT) and Distribution

Planning and Management System (DPMS). The visitors also received a demonstration on DPMS.

The highlight of the visit was the tour of Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania's (DDSP) Eastern Distribution Center (EDC), where the visitors were given an opportunity to observe the Receiving Operations, Consolidation and Containerization Point, Automated Storage, Retrieval and Sortation System, Air Lines of Communication and Pallet Build Operations.



*VADM Gordon Holdern, USN, Director of Logistics, Joint Staff, Pentagon and Bgen Larry Laskevich, J4 Material/Director General Logistics, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa and others participate in discussion.*

*Visitors are briefed on DDSP Operations by DDSP Deputy Commander, Andy Leitzel (center).*



*Ms. Campbell, DDC Deputy Commander, escorts visitors from the US/Canada Logistics Talks.*

*CAPT Robert Ritchie, SC, USN, provides an overview of DDSP to VADM Holder and Bgen Laskevich.*

