

Bahrain detachment to enhance service to Navy customers

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On Aug. 26, DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia's Bahrain detachment hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of a newly-renovated bay within its warehouse operations. Renovations included increased shelving and new cargo doors and bin storage systems and will allow the facility to store and distribute materiel quickly needed by the detachment's nearly 130 tenant commands and home ported ships. These assets are currently en route from the main Kuwait distribution center to Bahrain to enable expedited distribution to local Navy customers.

"In order to ensure efficiency and timely delivery to key customers, Navy materiel, previously located at the main Kuwait facility is being relocated to Bahrain," said United States Army Col. Vernon Beatty, DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia commander. "This will dramatically reduce customer wait time."

The detachment, which was established under a transfer of functions from the Navy, operates a Materiel Processing Center, which serves as a sorting and staging area for materiel destined for Navy vessels. As shipments arrive at the MPC, the supplies are sorted by ship and staged according to their position on the ship.

"From the first Materiel Release Order drop in June 2009 to today, this organization has prided itself

on its customized delivery options and expedited shipments to the Warfighter, and we are excited that the movement and storage of these assets in house will enable us to further provide added value to our customers," said Marian Crosson, detachment director.

The Bahrain detachment mission is to maintain forward positioned stock and provide multi-modal distribution services to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Combined Maritime Forces operating in the Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility.

The facility is a detachment of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia. DLA Distribution Kuwait is DLA Distribution's only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from the United States Central Command. The primary mission will provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility. Its distribution facilities are strategically



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positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time. The depot provides distribution services and surge capability to all four service components to support the Warfighters operating in the AOR. Current commodities distributed by DLA Distribution Kuwait are repair parts, barrier/construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. The organization also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the theater of operations.



DLA Distribution commanding officer United States Navy Rear Adm. Thomas C. Traaen presided over the ceremony.