

considered – to validate the feasibility of potential changes and minimize any likelihood of process interruptions. While theoretical savings have been identified ranging in many cases over 18%, the DPMS 2nd destination implementation team jointly validates which components are applicable with each depot’s operations.

Currently, the DPMS 2nd destination team is conducting joint research with the Defense Distribution Depot, Norfolk, VA (DDNV), as a pilot site to implement the opportunities highlighted through optimization, with additional sites to be added by the end of the year.

In a world of continuous change, DPMS provides real time solutions to distribution centers by anticipating contingencies, identifying opportunities, and supporting transportation network evolution.



*DDC Program Manager Lois Gabela informs the July Lunch and Learn participants the benefits of DPMS—benefits which provide real time solutions to DLA and its customers, carriers, and vendors.*

## The Lunch & Learn Program sees the Future of the DDC

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It has been said that a man without a goal is like a ship that has set sail with no destination. The same thing can be said concerning an organization. The Defense Distribution Center (DDC), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)’s lead center for distribution, has always had a goal of being a world-class distribution operation,

but how will we continue to achieve this objective? The goal of the DDC Strategic Plans Office is to ensure we continue this trend in the future.

At the September “Lunch & Learn” program, Scott Rosbaugh, Deputy Director of Strategic Plans, and Bob Hauseman, Strategic Planning Representative, explained three key DLA/DDC strategic initiatives: DLA Afloat, Deployable Depot, and Theater Consolidation & Shipping Point (TCSP).

“Now we are playing a much bigger role in combat support,” said Rosbaugh. In the past the DLA would ship material into the theater, but after that the Warfighter was responsible for distribution of the items. “The new role of DDC will place us right beside our soldiers on the ground during conflicts.”

DLA Afloat was the first strategic initiative discussed. This will be a floating depot that can be deployed to hot spots around the world, said Hauseman. It will allow supply replenishment and issuing to commence in areas where no distribution centers are present. The low cost to transport by ship would help reduce costly airlift of supplies into remote regions.

The ships have the ability to dock or remain offshore depending on the stability of the region. The ships will be able to support a contingency as soon as the landing area is secure. These ships will be DLA owned assets, but they will be maintained by the Military Sealift Command (MSC).

When the ships are ready to deploy, they will be manned by logisticians trained by DLA. They will provide “immediate backup early in the deployment when they need it the most” Hauseman said.

The second initiative discussed was DLA Deployable Distribution Center, which will compliment the Depot Afloat concept. The DLA Deployable Distribution Center will augment the ship as soon as possible.

The Deployable Distribution Center will be modular, deployable, and capable of providing a stable distribution platform to the combatant commanders in an austere environment. These deployable depots will be designed according to the needs of

the troops and missions.

Rosbaugh discussed the third strategic plan currently under works – the Theater Consolidation & Shipping Point (TCSP).

The TCSP is a cross-docking operation. DDC will take on the responsibility of rapidly consolidating and segregating shipments from multiple sources. The TCSP will then ship these loads directly to the customer in Theater. This will give DDC and its customers the visibility of resources in the shipment pipeline. We will be able to process these deliveries within 24-72 hours, Rosbaugh said. This is a revolutionary approach in DLA. “This is huge,” Rosbaugh said. “It’s the first time we ever took over anything this critical and this close to the Warfighter.”

The future is bright for the DLA and the DDC as we move closer to the front line and the Warfighter we serve. The DDC remains on the cutting edge of distribution excellence.



*Scott Rosbaugh, Deputy Director Strategic Plans (left) and Robert Hauseman, Strategic Planning Representative at the DDC Lunch & Learn Program.*



*DDC’s Lunch and Learn group discusses the DLA Afloat distribution center.*