

Gen Michael A. Collings, Commander for the Air Logistics Center at Warner Robins.

Maj Gen Collings both highlighted and roasted the 26-year career of Col Uдеми. Referring back to his earlier days Collings



*Maj. Gen. Collings reflects back on Col. Uдеми's 26-year career.*

emphasized the impression that Col Uдеми has left on those he has served with in the Air Force, "As a Captain, Uдеми was a model officer for young cadets."

Col Uдеми then received the President's Certificate of Appreciation from Maj Gen Collings and lastly, the document that closed the door on a long and rewarding career, his Certificate of Retirement.

As the words, "Ladies and Gentlemen, Colonel Joseph F. Uдеми, United States Air Force, RETIRED," were read by the Master of Ceremonies, Col U데미 moved to the podium to provide his final remarks to the many friends and colleagues gathered in the audience.

"Well, it may no longer be the fourth of July, but it sure feels like Independence Day to me!" Col U데미 said as he began his remarks.

In a speech filled with humor and sentiment, Col U데미 thanked the many people he had served with throughout his career, many of which were in attendance, to include several officers he had served with in Saudi Arabia prior to coming to DDWG.

With a slight pause, and holding back tears, Col U데미 thanked the two people whom he owed everything, "To my parents, who passed away several years ago, I love you. May you rest in peace with the knowledge that your desire for my success and happiness has come true today."

Col U데미 ended with a traditional Air

Force good-bye, "God bless you all! God bless the United States! Now its time to pull chocks, and give that final salute."



*Maj. Gen. Collings presents Col. U데미 his Certificate of Retirement.*



*Col. U데미 addresses the audience.*

## MacNamara assumes command of DDTP

### O'Grady retires after more than 20 years of military service

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LTC Yvonne B. MacNamara, USA, assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, PA (DDTP) in a ceremony officiated by BG Michael J. Lally, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), on July 8, 2005. LTC James P. O'Grady relinquished command of DDTP and then retired from the Army after more than 20 years of service.

BG Lally praised LTC O'Grady and the DDTP leadership team for their successes, "Jim and his team improved DDTP's

processing times for priority Material Release Orders or MROs by 155 percent; and routine MROs by 140 percent.

LTC O'Grady passed the DDC flag to BG Lally, symbolically relinquishing his authority as commander. BG Lally then passed the flag to LTC MacNamara, charging her with command of DDTP.

BG Lally then officiated at LTC O'Grady's retirement.

LTC O'Grady was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service throughout his more than 20 year military



career, culminating as Commander, DDTP. LTC O'Grady's outstanding leadership skills, devotion to duty and exceptional knowledge of the Department of Defense wholesale distribution system and processes resulted in sustained superior support to our Warfighters.

LTC MacNamara comes to DDTP after having spent the last five years with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The last two years of that assignment, she served as the Chief of the USASOC Materiel Management Center or MMC. The MMC manages all classes of supply, was responsible for property accountability as well as maintenance management for USASOC.

BG Lally challenged LTC MacNamara to further improve efficiency while remaining customer focused.