

DDJC supports Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

By Doug Imberi, DDJC Public Affairs

Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) delivered a truckload containing 15,000 Unitized Group Ration (UGR) meals to the Stockton Airport on Tuesday evening, Sept 6 to be air lifted to Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans.

The aircraft was able to be secured on very short notice due to the outstanding partnership DDJC has established with air carriers.

The meals were assembled at DDJC, which the sole source provider of the heat and serve meals that are issued in sets of 50 meals. DDJC assembles 14 different dinner meals and 7 breakfast menus.



DDSP supports Hurricane Katrina relief

By Polly Charbonneau, DDC Command Affairs

The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) prepared more than 80,000 pounds of cargo slings to help with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The 12 pallets of cargo slings departed from Harrisburg International Airport Thursday, Sept. 1.

The request for cargo slings came into DDSP at approximately 10 p.m. Wednesday night. DDSP's workforce immediately responded by gathering the slings and packing them. Once packed, DDSP staff built air pallets that will be used to transport the shipment.

Cargo slings are used to ferry supplies from point to point and are very versatile. They can be used to carry almost any material that can be placed on a pallet. Called sling loading, relief supplies will be placed on pallets, wrapped in the sling, and then moved via helicopter into areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"The DDSP Team is proud to be of service to the courageous Americans who have withstood Katrina's fury," said Andy Leitzel, DDSP Deputy Commander.



One of the 12 pallets of cargo slings from DDSP approaches the cargo hold at the tail of the plane.



Pallet of cargo slings from DDSP is loaded into the plane that was destined for Naval Air Station New Orleans to support the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.



Three trucks from DDSP carrying 12 pallets of cargo slings used for carrying pallets by helicopter arrived on the flight line ramp at Harrisburg International Airport, only about 15 minutes away from DDSP.

DDYJ Supports Hurricane Relief, UFL Exercise

By LT Kevin McNulty, SC, USN, DDYJ Public Affairs

The Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ), welcomed home two employees as it deployed two more in support of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Two inventory specialists were tapped by DDYJ's parent command, the Defense Distribution Center, the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) lead center for distribution, to assist the relief operation from the Defense Distribution Depot at Robins AFB, Georgia.

DDYJ has helped by providing tens of thousands of dollars in supplies, including blankets and construction materials, to the devastated Gulf coast region. More than 20 of DDC's 26 distribution centers are supporting relief efforts.

"Not only does DDYJ support the local fleet customer, but the command is proving its physical distribution expertise world-wide," said Cmdr. Will Clarke, DDYJ's commanding officer. DDYJ is "ready to support, anytime, anywhere," he said.

The DDYJ Inventory Specialists are scheduled to spend 120 days in the region, and are the second pair of DDYJ employees to respond to national commitments in two months.

SKC (SW) Jelmer Zimmerman and Lt. Kevin McNulty recently returned to Japan after participating in Ulchi-Focus Lens (UFL), an annual exercise conducted by the U.S. and South Korea.

UFL combines two exercises: Ulchi, when thousands of South Korean citizens practice mobilizing for war; and Focus Lens, a U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) computer-driven command-post exercise. UFL is played primarily between the U.S.-South Korean Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea (USFK).

Zimmerman and McNulty were part of two different teams sent to help the PACOM and USFK staffs. Zimmerman helped monitor supplies of Defense Logistics Agency-owned material for PACOM, while McNulty helped monitor in-theater supplies for USFK.

Together, the teams worked with the PACOM and USFK staffs to expedite the people and material needed to defend the Korean peninsula during the simulation.

"We are living in very uncertain times, and it would be foolish not to be prepared for any possible future actions that could affect stability in the Pacific," Zimmerman said.

DDDC Supports Katrina Relief Efforts

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

On September 9, 2005, the Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, CA (DDDC) was called on to provide over



Monico "Manny" Blacano loads cots onto truck bound for Southern Gulf Coast.

4,000 cots destined to various sites affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Members of the Storage and Shipping Division of Labat-Anderson, DDDC's logistics partners, and contractors that perform the distribution mission, pulled the stock and promptly loaded four truckloads of cots. The trucks departed for the Gulf Coast within hours.

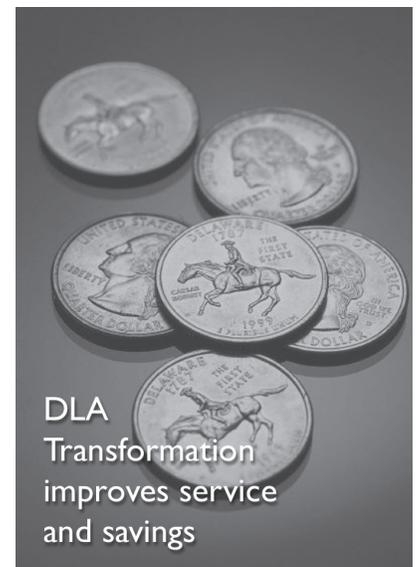
"DDDC's foresight and planning enabled the cots to be loaded up and on the road to relief efforts in a minimal amount of time," said Greg Mednick, DDDC's Deputy Commander.



Palletized cots are lined up and ready for loading.



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