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BG Lally presents Julie Callahan a Commander's Coin for her work on DDC's BRAC requirements.



BG Lally presents Bob Bare and Ron Marichak with Certificates of Appreciation from VADM Lippert for their work on BRAC.

Defense Distribution Center Celebrates 8th Anniversary

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs

Defense Distribution Center Commander, Brigadier General Michael J. Lally, USA, and employees of the Defense Distribution Center headquarters recently celebrated DDC's 8th Anniversary. Commemorating the event, BG Lally and DDC Chief of Staff, Colonel Ed Visker cut the DDC's Anniversary cake marking another successful year.

During his remarks, General Lally reflected back over DDC's accomplishments, "In eight years, you've seen a lot of change in this organization. Most recently, we set up four new distribution facilities, we're moving closer to the customers. That is much different from eight years ago, when DDC was mainly a CONUS operation.

General Lally further commented on DDC's most recent accomplishments supporting Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, "25 of our 26 distribution facilities were called upon to support the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort. Many of us were getting calls in the middle of the night for orders to be shipped out at 6:00 a.m. the next day. DDC answered the call." BG Lally continued, "I commend and thank everyone in this room, as well as at our distribution facilities, for the hard work you've been doing to support our customers. You're relevant, involved and having an impact – a good impact."

DDC was established on October 1, 1997 and was formed through the consolidation of the former Defense Distribution Region East and the former Defense Distribution Region West. DDC is the lead center for distribution for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

DDC is headquartered in Fairview Township, York County, Pennsylvania and is responsible for managing the receipt, storage, and issue of more than 26

million requisitions annually of over four million military items in support of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and other federal agencies operations worldwide. DDC is comprised of more than 8,000 military and civilian personnel in 26 centers located throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, Hawaii, Guam, Korea and Southwest Asia.

United States Army Brigadier General Michael J. Lally, became the fifth DDC Commander on August 3, 2004. Previous Commanders were MG Kenneth Privratsky, USA (Retired), DDC's first Commander; BG Barbara Doornink, USA; BG James Pillsbury, USA and BG Kathleen Gainey, USA.

Happy 8th Anniversary DDC !



DDC Commander BG Michael Lally and DDC Chief of Staff COL Ed Visker celebrate DDC's 8th Anniversary.

Maj Gen Reno assumes DLA vice director job

Maj. Gen. Loren M. Reno, who has already logged two tours with Defense Logistics Agency during his 31-year Air Force career, assumed the duties as DLA vice director September 2005.

DLA Director VADM. Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN, announced Maj. Gen. Reno's selection March 10. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Mary L. Saunders, USAF, who retired.

Maj. Gen. Reno's most recent assignment was as the director of logistics at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He provided policy and guidance to organize, train and equip aircraft maintenance, transportation,

supply contracting and logistics plans at 14 major active air installations in the United States and 17 en-route locations around the world. Responsible for 860 active aircraft and assisting in the readiness of more than 616 aircraft in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, Reno provided total force augmentation to support flexible global reach.

Maj. Gen. Reno has also commanded two aircraft maintenance squadrons, a technical training group and the Defense Energy Support Center. His staff tours have included duty at Headquarters Military Airlift Command, the Air Staff and a previous tour at DLA headquarters.

In his first assignment at DLA from July 1994 through May 1996, Reno served as chief of the Joint Logistics and Contingency Operations Team. Later he was deputy executive director of strategic programming and contingency operations and staff director of business management in corporate administration.

He continued at DLA from May 1996 through February 1998 as commander of the Defense Fuel Supply Center and Defense Energy Support Center.

Promoted Dec. 1 to his current rank, Reno counts among his achievements being named Instructor Navigator of the Year in 1979 for Air Training Command and receiving the 1995 DLA Director's Award for Organizational Excellence.

General Reno is a senior navigator and aircraft maintenance officer, and holds a joint specialty officer rating.



DDSI Supports 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

By Denise Cordeiro-Bennett, DDSI Deputy Commander

In the past, Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG) was involved in supporting Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) deployments on a regular basis. The presence of engine maintenance and repair support at the NASSIG Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department and accessibility of transportation routes made NAS Sigonella an ideal location for their detached logistics support. Operation Iraqi Freedom disrupted the regular deployment rotations for approximately two years, but the operations at NAS Sigonella were recently resumed with the deployment of the 26th MEU to the 6th theater earlier this year. A lot had changed at NAS Sigonella since the last deployment, including the stand up of the newly established DDSI. 26th MEU personnel made a pre-deployment site visit in February 2005, to discuss support options with DDSI personnel. Discussions primarily centered around staging and material handling support of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and quad containers holding critically required support parts and equipment, and the ability to receive packing and shipping support from DDSI to the Marines' forward operating positions. Satisfied that DDSI could readily meet their distribution support requirements, the 26th MEU arranged for shipment of the containers to Sigonella from Camp Lejuene via Opportune Lift in April 2005.

DDSI transportation support and mobile equipment operators arranged for the movement of the containers from the port to the DDSI container staging yard, and for the safe off-load of the containers from the trucks; not an easy task with containers weighing up to 35K pounds. Almost immediately after the containers were staged and ready for business, the call came in for the shipment of helicopter engines and transmissions that were critically required in theater. In coordination with the NAS Sigonella Air Cargo Terminal and the MEU detachment, DDSI personnel



Salvatore Ferrara, Giacomo Valuto Sciara, and SKI Dorteia Bennett load freight in support of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

accomplished the retrieval and shipment of all the requested engines to destination in an unprecedented quick response time.

As the 26th MEU prepared to redeploy to the United States in September 2005, they again requested DDSI assistance in arranging for transportation and managing the physical movement of the ISO and quad containers. Not only did the oversize cargo require special handling considerations, the cargo had to arrive back at Camp Lejuene within a limited timeframe in order to enable the equipment and parts to be available to support Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

To ensure that the Marines could track their cargo to destination, they also requested that Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags accompany each container and piece of break bulk cargo. DDSI had only recently been outfitted with RFID tag burn capability, and this shipment would provide the first opportunity to put RFID into action. Once again, DDSI personnel came through with exceptional levels of support. A total of 31 ISO and quad containers and an engine were processed and moved to the port for shipment



DDSI employee Salvatore Ferrara supports the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.