

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.

within a three-day window. The cargo totaled almost 500,000 pounds and measured nearly 30,000 cubic feet; huge numbers in relation to typical NAS Sigonella operations. As he departed from NAS Sigonella, Major William Bohach, United States Marine Corps, the 26MSSG Detachment Officer-In-Charge, summarized the exceptional effort, commenting, "DDSI has done an outstanding job for the 26th MEU!!! Semper Fi."

New DOD Hazardous Material Training Courseware Available

By Lori Spiegel, DDC Command Affairs

The Department of Defense (DOD) Hazardous Material (Hazmat) Packaging Course is a new DOD hazardous material training course developed at the request of the Defense Packing Policy Group. In conjunction with the Navy and the DOD Hazardous Material Packaging Working Group, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) released the new courseware to customers on Jan 1, 2005.

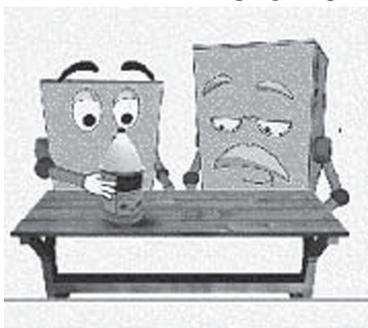
The Computer Based Training (CBT) is intended for all DOD personnel involved with receiving, packing, and shipping hazardous materials (HAZMAT) in the DOD. All new employees are encouraged to take all the modules and the exam.

"It would be good preparation for new folks before they take one of the Hazmat Transportation Courses to become Certifiers of hazardous materials eligible to sign shipping papers," said Packaging Specialist Linda McCarthy. "Many people find this two week certification course difficult. The CBT would give them some preliminary information about the packaging requirements, HAZMAT tables in the regulations, etc."

The CBT consists of the following modules and takes approximately two hours to complete: HAZMATs in the DOD and the importance of proper packaging, how to identify HAZMATs, Modal Regulations, interactive Performance Oriented Packaging

(POP) Demonstration, HAZMAT Packaging, HAZMAT Marking and Labeling, and a "Virtual Workbench." There is also a final examination one can take upon the completion of the modules.

The CBT is arranged around "POP," a senior packer character who guides the student through the lessons and "Shipley," a novice character who is taking on-the-job training. POP is the guide through the program who provides helpful hints and prompts the student to perform functions. Shipley periodically recaps what was covered in the lesson and what he has learned as the novice. The program prompts



the student to complete a learning activity at the end of each lesson.

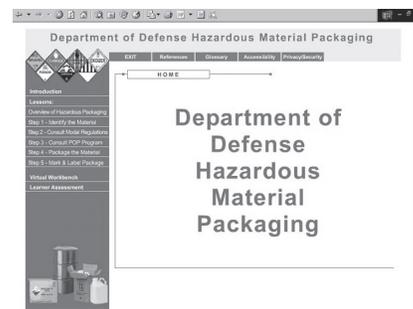
As a refresher, more experienced employees may take any one of the modules or just take the test. Scores can be accessed only by the student and the exams may be taken again until the student passes. Upon completion of the course, the student may print the diploma. A copy of the diploma should be submitted to the student's training coordinator. Credit will then be recorded for the course.

The Hazardous Material Packaging Course can be completed in the place of POP Refresher Training, R630, a biannual function specific training requirement for DDC packers and shippers of hazmat.

Employees can access the program online at: <http://www.dtc.dla.mil/HAZMAT/index.html>. Activities that do not have Internet access may request a CD-Rom from a Service point of contact (POC). The DLA POC to obtain a copy of the program on a CD-Rom is: Ms. Kris Williams, DLA Training Center (DTC), (717) 770-4664, kris.williams@dla.mil.

Each Service has an appointed mentor to assist individuals who take the training. The Service POCs are listed in the CBT Program

References. The mentor for DLA is Ms. Linda McCarthy, (717) 605-2923, linda.mccarthy@dla.mil.



Scrap wood at DDAG recycled as mulch for local community

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Broken pallets and other scrap lumber from Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. are being sent to a local landfill where it is chipped and given to the community to be used as mulch.

Because there is no market for scrap lumber in the area and sending the wood to the landfill as trash takes up a lot of space, DDAG personnel coordinated with their host activity, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, to come up with a solution.

"This is a win for everyone involved. The community gets mulch and MCLB Albany and DDAG have a place to dispose of scrap wood," said DDAG Commander Marine Corps Maj. Mark Campaigne.



Scrap wood from DDAG was chipped and recycled as mulch for use in the local community.