

scenes, the backbone, the Heart and Soul of this outstanding organization that continue to support America's Armed Forces...the Warfighter, day in and day out."

Nomura continued by thanking the many members of the audience including his friends his workforce, and the many logistics partners that help make DDDE a success. Nomura closed his comments, "God Bless all of you... and continue to stay...Solid as a Rock... HOOOAH!"



LTC Nomura addresses DDDE Change of Command Audience.

LTC Lance Koenig continues in the tradition of great leaders at DDDE. Koenig comes to DDDE after having served as Logistical Plans and Operations Officer for the Special Operations Command Europe. During his assignment, Koenig was deployed to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM with the Joint Special Operations Task Force – North.

Koenig has a strong military bloodline that helped influence his career in the United States Army. His father, Darrell Koenig, who in addition to his wife Sharon was in attendance at the ceremony, is a retired CW4 Army Aviator who served two tours in Vietnam as a UH-1 Gunship pilot. He then transitioned to CH-47s and flew Chinooks until his retirement in 1987. Koenig's influence didn't stop there, his Grandfather, MAJ (Ret) Raymond Koenig served as a Motor Sergeant during WWII including landing on Utah Beach on D-Day and

fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he was selected for promotion to Warrant Officer. During the Korean War, he received a battlefield commission to Second Lieutenant and retired as an Ordnance Major after 26 years of service.

Koenig looks forward to the challenges of commanding DDDE and its workforce and pledged his support to them, "I am very impressed with the level of excellence DDDE has attained and I am dedicated to supporting the employees of DDDE in our efforts to continue to achieve high standards. We will continue on that same path of excellence!"



LTC Koenig to the DDDE Workforce, "I am dedicated to supporting the employees of DDDE!"

New Commander at DDAA LTC Kevin Kahley retires

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

On June 28, 2005, employees of Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Alabama (DDAA) gathered to observe the DDAA Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony as LTC Kevin Kahley, USA relinquished command to LTC Rick Harney, USA. During the ceremony, LTC Kahley retired from the United States Army. Presiding over the ceremony was Defense Distribution

Center (DDC) Commander, BG Michael J. Lally, USA.

Opening the ceremony with an inspirational rendition of the National Anthem, was Anniston Army Depot employee, Morey Gaddy. Billy Pearson, DDAA employee provided the invocation to more than 100 attendees.



LTC Rick Harney, USA, Commander, DDAA.

BG Lally provided opening remarks by thanking the DDAA workforce for their continued support to the DDC's mission. "DDAA has seen a 128 percent increase in support of the small arms mission, a 44% increase in secondary items, and a 12 percent increase in major end items and maintained customer focus providing timely and quality support. Well done Team DDAA," said BG Lally.

After BG Lally passed the organization's colors to LTC Harney, Harney's addressed his new workforce. "I stand before you a truly blessed individual and sincerely humbled in my selection to command this great organization," said LTC Harney. "To the DDAA workforce, I won't let you down. You have my total commitment to excellence in all we do in accomplishing assigned missions, and providing timely and quality distribution support our valued customers – America's Warfighters."

As the change of command portion of the ceremony commenced, BG Lally opened the retirement ceremony by highlighting LTC Kahley's 21-year career with the United States Army. "Prior to coming to DDAA, Kevin was deployed to Kuwait with the headquarters designated as the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), in support of both Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During that tour, he coordinated with Kuwait representatives for the receipt of over 130 million gallons of fuel in support of combat operations. Execution of the developed program plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom ensured responsive bulk fuel support for the fastest offensive maneuver forces covering the longest axis of advance in warfare history," said BG Lally.

After receiving the Legion of Merit Award and his retirement certificate, LTC Kahley reflected on his years of service to his country. "As I was thinking about my 21-year career in the Army, it struck me that I had served close to half of my life in the Army. So I believe that it is safe to say that I will always have a little bit of the Army in me no matter where I go, or what I do beyond today. It was a great 21 years and I have made many lifetime friends throughout my service, and I keep in touch with most of them still today. I will miss the camaraderie of the Army!" said LTC Kahley.

DDWG Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony

Col Uдеми "Pulls Chocks" After 26 Years of Service with United States Air Force

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In a joint ceremony held on July 7, 2005, between the Defense Distribution Center (DDC), and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (ALC), United States Air Force Col Joseph F. Uдеми relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, Georgia (DDWG) to Col Elizabeth A. Moore and retired from the United States Air Force after having served for 26 years. Officiating the Change of Command Ceremony was United States Army BG Michael J. Lally, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC).

The ceremony, held at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar, Warner Robins ALC, began with a soulful rendition of the National Anthem which was performed by Estella Smith, Management Assistant for the ALC, and mother of DDWG Management Analyst, Tracey Miles.

Col Uдеми was awarded the

Defense Superior Service Medal for his accomplishments as Commander of DDWG.

Assuming command of DDWG, Air Force Col Elizabeth Moore, who's previous assignment was as Chief, Integrated Resources Division, European Command Plans and Operations Center, Operations Directorate, Headquarters United States European Command, where she was responsible for providing logistics personnel, legal, public affairs, and force protection expertise for operational-level, multinational, joint planning to support Operational Planning Teams and the Joint Operations Center. In addition, she managed contingency manning, built Joint Manning Documents, and was responsible for tracking all personnel supporting EUCOM operations.

Col Moore anxiously accepted the DDC Organizational Flag and gave accolades to Col U데미, "Joe, thanks for paving the way ahead and setting the stage for transitioning DDWG to a strategic distribution platform. Your assistance in 'spinning me up' for this command will reap benefits for years to come. As you retire today, you can be justifiably proud of the legacy you have left at DDWG and throughout the United States Air Force. Thank you."

Upon conclusion of Col Moore's remarks, DDC commenced the Retirement Ceremony portion of the program. Officiating the retirement ceremony was special guest, Maj



Official Party at DDWG's Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony.