

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.

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 Uдеми 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 Uдеми 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.