



LTC Hugh Talley, Jr., Bids Farewell to the Texarkana Community.

has a history of providing our community with great leaders, and they continue in that great tradition with DDRT's next Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Betty Yarbrough." Upon her introduction, Yarbrough thanked the Chamber members for the warm reception, "My family and I look forward to serving our community. Texarkana is a great place to live and work, and we are really excited to be here."

The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce is made up of local community leaders from various organizations in and around Texarkana. Every two years, in conjunction with the DDRT Change of Command, they gather to honor DDRT's leadership.



LTC Betty Yarbrough Addresses Members of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce.

Change of Command – Texas Style!

LTC Betty Yarbrough, USA Assumes Command of DDRT

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

Horses, Yellow Roses and Patriotic Country Music...yep, you're in Texarkana, Texas for the Change of Command! In an official ceremony on July 15, 2005, U.S. Army LTC Hugh Talley, Jr., relinquished command of the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas (DDRT) to LTC Betty Yarbrough. Officiating the ceremony was U.S. Army BG Michael Lally, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), New Cumberland, Pa.

With Toby Keith's "American Soldier" playing in the background, more than 100 guests consisting of local community leaders, political figures, customers, employees and family members were seated at the site of DDRT's change of command.



Brig. Gen. Mike Lally charges Lt. Col. Betty Yarbrough with responsibility of command of Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas.

As is tradition at DDRT, horseback riders Cheryl Yount and David Morris opened the ceremony by performing the "Texas Salute" on their horses Skipper and Oreo. Parading the United States and Texas flags first, Yount and Morris then presented yellow roses and gifts to the spouses of each commander while

"The Yellow Rose of Texas" played in the background.

BG Lally began his remarks by commenting, "Texas certainly does it up big!" He continued by highlighting LTC Talley's many accomplishments during his leadership at DDRT (July 2003-July 2005) and the increase in workload.

"Hugh and team DDRT managed over 700 reimbursable projects that generated in excess of \$36.2M, which included building 66K tire/wheel assemblies."

BG Lally further commented on DDRT's superb support to Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, "DDRT was called upon to perform consolidation and containerization point (CCP) operations. DDRT built and shipped 13,000 463L air pallets and 2,200 seavans in support of operations in Southwest Asia from June 2004 to May of 2005 – that's an average of 1,084 463L pallets and 184 seavans per month!"

During his tour at DDRT, LTC Talley reengineered processes and realigned his personnel to accomplish the increased



DDRT's Cheryl Yount and her horse Skipper parade the Texas Flag.

workload which is expected to be 32 percent above the projected figures for fiscal year 2005.

LTC Talley leaves DDRT to become the Director of Logistics, J-4, Special Operations Command, Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

With 18 years of experience, LTC Yarbrough comes to DDRT after having served at the Pentagon as the Assistant Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff.

Yarbrough addressed her new workforce, "I am humbled and feel extremely fortunate to be joining this team of professionals and for being given this great opportunity of command." Yarbrough further thanked those who have helped her along the way, "I have to thank the countless thousands of Soldiers and civilian who have helped me reach this great day... I know what a challenge I have been to a few of them! Thanks for not giving up on me!"

New Commander at DDHU

Colonel (Select) Ray Corcoran, USAF, Assumes Command

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In a ceremony held on June 30, 2005, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander, BG Michael Lally, USA, charged Col (Sel) Ray Corcoran, USAF, with command of Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah (DDHU).

The ceremony, originally scheduled to be a change of command, had to be changed to an assumption of command at the last minute due to DDHU outgoing commander, Col Tyrone Stephens' recuperation from an illness. Although not able to attend the ceremony, BG Lally publicly acknowledged Col Stephens and his accomplishments during his tenure as DDHU Commander, "Under Ty's leadership, DDHU's Deployable Medical Systems Division refurbished, resupplied and shipped over 100,000 items to support Army field hospitals. Ty increased production of first aid and combat life saver kits from almost nothing

in 2003 to over 50,000 in 2005."

In a private ceremony held prior to the event, Col Stephens was presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his accomplishments at DDHU.



Corcoran receives flag: Col (Sel) Ray Corcoran is charged with command of DDHU.

Col (Sel) Corcoran comes to DDHU after having served as the Chief, Tanker and Special Operations Aircraft, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Director of Maintenance at the Pentagon where he was responsible for the aircraft maintenance policy that optimizes the employment of global mobility issues between major commands, air staff, and the air reserve components. He was responsible for analyzing aircraft maintenance trends and assessed the logistical requirements.

He addressed his new workforce with a most personal story, "The personnel of DDHU to include our partners of EG&G have provided critical support to the Warfighters during these very difficult times. Col (Sel) Corcoran continued, "As a personal example, one of my family members, who was injured by a car



Corcoran speaks: Col (Sel) Corcoran addresses DDHU employees and customers.

bomb in Iraq, owes his life and avoided having a leg amputated because medical personnel in theater had equipment like what's behind me today," (referring to a Deployable Medical Unit which served as a backdrop to the ceremony) "You provided that equipment."

Col (Sel) Corcoran further commented on the experience he brings to DDHU, "Many of you have probably looked at your program and noticed that nowhere in my bio do you find the words, supply, transportation or even DLA. It's not a typo, I'm a career maintainer. I'm not bringing a wealth of experience in any of those areas, however, what I will bring is the perspective of 20 plus years as an aircraft maintainer and DLA customer, as well as, continued leadership needed to keep DDHU on top."



Mrs. Corcoran: Mrs. Corcoran receives a DDHU welcome bouquet of flowers.

Commander Mato Goes Ashore for Last Time and Commander Bailey Assumes Command of DDPW

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On July 21, 2005, Commander Nicholas K.K. Mato, Supply Corps, United States relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, Washington (DDPW) to Commander William E. Bailey, II in a ceremony officiated by Defense Distribution Center Commander Brigadier General