

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

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

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

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office

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

Michael J. Lally, United States Army. The Olympic Lodge, Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton provided the setting for the ceremony rich in Naval traditions.

Upon conclusion of the General's remarks, CDR Mato read his orders which concluded with, "When directed by reporting senior, detach from Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound Washington and transfer to the retired list." CDR Bailey continued by reading his assumption orders and then the official party moved into formation and passed the organization's colors, whereby, CDR Bailey received command of DDPW.

Bailey addressed the audience and members of his new organization, "I am looking forward to taking care of our customers and supporting the members of the DDPW team, as well as, to the future of DDPW and my time at the helm of this expanding and evolving organization. Bailey continued, "No doubt we will face obstacles and challenges as we grow into our newly-assigned role, but I will rely on the



BG Lally charges CDR Bailey with command of DDPW.

immortal words of Rear Admiral David Glasgow Farragut as my guide, 'Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!'"

As the change of command ceremony commenced, the retirement ceremony began as BG Lally returned to the podium and highlighted Mato's 22-year Naval career to include winning several awards, "Nick served as the Supply Officer on board the USS DENVER, where his Supply Department was awarded the Supply Blue E Award for exceptional performance."

Upon conclusion of his remarks, BG Lally presented CDR Mato with the Legion of Merit Award for service to his country. Lally also presented CDR Mato and his family members with Certificates of Appreciation for their support and dedication to Mato and his Naval career. Mato then received his Certificate of Retirement.

Susan Earle, DDPW Deputy Commander, presented on behalf of the men and women of DDPW the colors of our Nation, which were flown over the DDC on Memorial Day, in a Shadow Box displaying Mato's many medals, bringing CDR Nicholas K. K. Mato's Naval career to a close.

In his final speech, Mato paid tribute to his parents for his successes in life. "Mom and Pop—they provided me with a solid foundation to build my life on. They modeled what it meant to do the right thing. They gave me love when I didn't deserve it and shared with me wisdom when I did not want to hear it." Mato continued, "They disciplined me when I definitely did not want any part of that. Thank you Mom, and if Pop were here today, I'd thank him in person."

Mato also thanked the men and women of DDPW, "I am amazed that each day I was given the opportunity to be the commander of an organization filled with highly professional and truly wonderful people. Thank you for your effort and dedication in support of America's Warfighters."



A final salute to a 22-year Naval career.

Qua Welcomed Aboard to DDNV, Howard takes position at NAVAIR

By Polly Charbonneau, DDC Command Affairs

Under a blue Norfolk sky with breezes blowing from the Chesapeake Bay, CAPT John Qua, SC, USN, assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, VA (DDNV). CAPT Robert L. Howard relinquished command of DDNV to CAPT Qua in a ceremony officiated by BG Mike Lally, USA, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) on July 19, 2005.

Several members of CAPT Howard's family attended and were recognized by BG Lally. "I have to tell you that Bob comes from a family that is committed to service. Bob's mother Arlene is a World War II Navy Veteran; his sister Geri-Ann, brother Timothy, and brother-in-law David, all served and retired from the Air Force. His brother Patrick is on the New York City Police force and his nephew Christopher is with the New York City Fire Department. His daughter Pamela is in the Secret Service and her husband Richard is on the Federal Reserve Board police force.

"One member of the Howard family whose service is missed, his brother George," BG Lally said. "He was serving his country as a New York City Fire Fighter on 9-11 and made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

"I want to thank the entire Howard Family for your service to our country," BG Lally said.

For his service at DDNV, CAPT Howard was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal by Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

"This award is the result of all the hard work the DDNV gang has accomplished during these last two years," CAPT Howard said. "Without their efforts, this would not have been possible. Thank you, guys.