

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, the President of the United States of America awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously to Sergeant First Class Paul R. Smith, B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army, for distinguished acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with an armed enemy.

President George W. Bush presented SFC Smith's family the highest military recognition in the East Room of the White House on April 4, 2005, which was exactly two years after his death. President Bush said Smith's story was that of "a boy transformed into a man and a leader."



Medal of Honor recipient SFC Paul R. Smith. Photo courtesy of [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

During the ceremony, the President quoted a letter Smith wrote to his parents, but never mailed, saying he was willing to "give all that I am" so that his men would return home. SFC Smith is survived by his wife and two children.

DDAA Commander LTC Robert Harney, USA, said that DDAA's direct involvement in shipping SFC Smith's M113 has been a command highlight. "Not only has it showcased our commitment to excellence in supporting our customers, but it also provided the workforce an opportunity to touch, feel, and witness history – something we all can be proud of," said LTC Harney.

"From a personal perspective, as a former 3rd Infantry Division member (Support Operations and Battalion Executive Officer, 203rd Forward

Support Battalion), I felt honored to support another 'Dog Faced Soldier' (3rd ID Motto) in SFC Smith, as he gave the ultimate sacrifice in support of his Soldiers and our nation," concluded LTC Harney.

## BSM Release 2.2 Job Design and Functionality Changes

By Lori Spiegel, DDC Command Affairs

DLA's Business Systems Modernization (BSM) continues on schedule. Enterprise Organizational Alignment Team members and the Order Fulfillment, Planning, and Technical Quality Process Owners, spoke to Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Supervisors, Team Leads, Sponsors, Change Agents, End-Users, and representatives from the Customer Support Office on August 31, 2005 to highlight Release 2.2 job changes and enhanced functionality with a primary focus on the impact of changes at the DDC.

BSM is the catalyst to transform DLA by replacing the 30-year old legacy materiel management systems Standard Automated Materiel Management System (SAMMS) with commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) systems. The adoption of the best practices results in continuously improving logistics operations and cost savings. These changes include reengineered business processes and organizational alignment actions to accommodate new/ revised practices.

A highlight of the brief was the introduction of the Kitting functionality into BSM. Kitting is the activity of putting two or more materials or items together to be sold as one unit. This is done through a process that allows for the tracking of materials and the capture of pricing, relevant information, quantities, and sourcing information in a Bill of Material (BOM) document.

The new functionality will enhance the Technical Quality process through the

addition of three new kitting jobs: Kitting Operational Specialist, Kitting Assembly Specialist, and Kitting Strategic Specialist.

Collectively, the Kitting Specialists will have primary responsibility for the oversight of the kitting processes from deciding to build kits, planning for component items, procure/build kit assemblies, and finally filling customer orders.

They will also maintain visibility of the components at various stages in the kitting process, monitor the status of the assembly process, and will also interface with a wide range of BSM jobs to include Stock Positioning Specialists, as well as, jobs across the Enterprise. At this point, the Kitting Assembly Specialists have been designated as positions at the DDC Headquarters (HQ) only.

"The Kitting Operational and Strategic Specialists will be positions only at the Inventory Control Points and will work and coordinate efforts with the Kitting Assembly Specialists at HQ DDC," said Technical/Quality process team member Marvin Davis. "Once a decision has been made to complete a kit, DDC will then work with this individual from beginning to end.

"The Kitting Operational Specialist will complete the kit," Davis said. "The Kitting Assembly Specialist will work with the Kitting Operational Specialist to determine the appropriate kitting location based on the best value determination for the specific kitting project. Finally, the Kitting Strategic Specialist will be the individual who initiates the kitting process through new business development."



Process Owner Doug French talks to the participants about Planning and its impact on DLA and DDC. He told the group that the goal in Planning is to seek an automated fix to the manual movement of stock.

Two Process Owners, Lynn Fulling and Doug French, were available to discuss changes related to the DDC. Fulling, the Order Fulfillment Process Owner, spoke to the group about the functionality changes for Order Fulfillment, although she stated, “There would be no new jobs created in Order Fulfillment in Release 2.2.”

“Planning has a great impact on DLA and DDC,” said French. “Planning is the biggest fundamental change in BSM and Hub & Spoke is a big piece of that. Our goal in Planning is to seek an automated fix to the manual movement of stock.

“BSM will allow automated loads to move stock where it is needed,” French

said. “This is a major function of the DDC’s Stock Positioning Specialists.”

More information can be found at the BSM WebWatch Website. Visit the BSM Web page at: <https://bsm.hq.dla.mil/> members and subscribe to receive regular updates.

## DCC Katrina Support

### DDJF Supports USNS Comfort

*By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Command Affairs Office*

In support of relief efforts surrounding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Defense Distribution Depot Jacksonville, Florida (DDJF) was called upon to assist in preparing the USNS Comfort (one of two of the Navy’s Hospital Ships) for its deployment to Southern gulf coast of the United States.

DDJF processed, shipped and loaded over 800 different items onto the Comfort which departed the eastern coast of Florida for the Gulf on September 5, 2005.



*USNS Comfort is loaded with supplies destined for Southern gulf coast.*

“The DDJF Team is very familiar with the destruction and devastation a Hurricane can leave behind, so for many, this became very personal. Our folks worked very hard to get the supplies out the door as fast as they could, I’m continually proud of the work they do,” said DDJF Commander, Jim Smart, SC, USN.



*USNS Comfort stocked with medical supplies.*

### DDNV provides more than 5 million meals to Hurricane victims

*By Polly Charbonneau, DDC Command Affairs*

Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, VA (DDNV) has shipped more than 230 truckloads of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) in support of Hurricane Katrina relief.

The DDNV Team also prepared and delivered another 30 pallets of MREs for the USS PATUXENT to deliver to the USS HARRY S TRUMAN.

The DDNV team also assisted in building more than 150 463L pallets that were airlifted to Gulfport, MS.

DDNV’s MRE workload represents more than 5.3 million individual meals.

“Our team has worked around the clock,” said CAPT John Qua, SC, USN, Commander, DDNV. “Some were riding forklifts for 6 or 7 or 8 straight hours in a frosty warehouse that makes your hands

ache. But you never hear them complain. They worked those forklifts non stop thru the weekend. They outworked the batteries and they would find a new forklift.”

The DDNV team has also provided USS SHREVEPORT with medical supplies.



“This work may sound straight forward,” said CAPT Qua. “But we were initially shipping to only three points, that turned into five. There was also multiple diversions in transit – and our team helped load the aircraft so it could leave on time. Only dedicated personnel, like the folks we have at DDNV, could have supported