

# Portable building provides deployable team with flexible storage option

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The delivery of a portable structure earlier this year provided the Deployable Distribution Center with the capability to provide storage in austere environments, a step toward full implementation of the deployable capability.

In addition to its portability, the structure, called a tensioned shelter, provides the deployable center with the ability to adjust its storage capability according to each mission.

“The shelters are modular so we can put up as much or as little of each one as we need,” said Fred Hildrich, a logistics specialist with the Deployable Distribution Center, also referred to as DDXX.

The main structures are packed for air transportation, which ensures a storage capability on the ground as soon as the DDXX staff arrives. The other sections are delivered by surface—either ship, train, truck or a combination.



Deployable Distribution Center team members from Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., attach walls to the portable structure that will allow the center to adjust its storage capability while deployed.

Eventually, the deployable center will have a total of 16 of the structures. Purchases of

the units will be staggered over the next few years.

The deployable center has been evaluated twice in the past two years and has impressed both the evaluators and the customers it is intended to support.

“The delivery of the portable structures means that DDXX now has a very real deployable capability, and can provide distribution support to America’s war fighters in any circumstance,” Hildrich added.



Members of the Deployable Distribution Center team from Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., put up the door frame for the deployable center’s portable structure.

