

Talleri becomes DDC's first Marine commander, vows to assist workforce in supporting mission success

By Jessica Walter, APR

Marine Corps BGen Peter Talleri became the first Marine to command the Defense Distribution Center during a ceremony at DDC headquarters in New Cumberland, Pa., June 20.

Talleri is the seventh officer to command DDC since it was established in 1997. He most recently served as the commander of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group in Okinawa.

Talleri said he was grateful for the opportunity to lead a team of people who are so well respected around the world. He got a first-hand look at DDC earlier this year when staff from DDC's Deployable Distribution Center helped to establish a new detachment of Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan, on the island of Okinawa.

"They did it quickly, they did it proficiently, and they did it with pride," he said. "I could see that your dedication to the true spirit of supporting America's war fighters is genuine and deep."

He continued, "For more than a decade, you've worked to become the leading authority in defense distribution. From

all indications, it appears you have indeed earned that title."

As DDC's new commander, Talleri said he will work to create opportunities for the workforce so they can continue their critical role of ensuring that the men and women of America's military have the supplies they need to face the challenges of the Global War on Terrorism.

"It will be my job to make sure that the Defense Distribution Center remains the premier source for distribution

solutions throughout the Department of Defense," Talleri said.

Former Defense Logistics Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert Dail was the presiding official for the ceremony, and he also praised DDC's hard work around the world. "This is a broad, global command. It is extremely critical to the success of our fighting forces."

Talleri replaced Army BGen Lynn Collyar who assumed command of DDC in August

2006. Dail presented Collyar with the Defense Superior Service Medal during the ceremony in recognition of his leadership in extending DLA's capabilities closer to the war fighter and ensuring mission success.

"This award was earned on the backs of the thousands of DDC employees around the world who do their jobs so amazingly every day," Collyar commended. "Without them, the mission could not be accomplished."



As the new commander of the Defense Distribution Center, Marine Corps BGen Peter Talleri vowed to create opportunities to prove that DDC is the premier source for distribution solutions throughout the Department of Defense.

New commanders at DDAA and DDDE

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Public Affairs

Defense Distribution Center welcomed two new commanders to its facilities in Anniston, Ala. and Germersheim, Germany.

United States Army Lt. Col. Craig M. King assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Ala., or DDAA, in 2008. King, a native of Wilson, N.Y., was commissioned as an armor officer in 1991 then later transferred to Quartermaster Corps. King holds a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New York and a master's degree in history from the University of Scranton, Pa.

Prior to assuming command of DDAA, King served in Germany as the Joint Multinational Training Center's logistics officer.

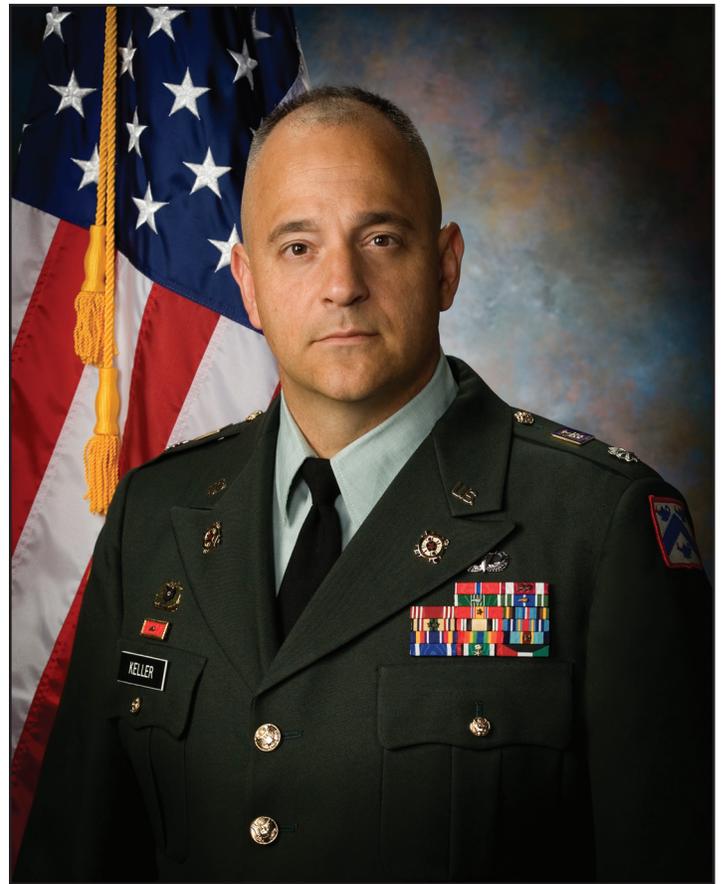
Assuming command of Defense Distribution Depot Europe, or DDDE, Germersheim, Germany in 2008, was Lt. Col. Steven J. Keller. Keller entered the military after graduation from Oakridge Military Academy, N.C. in 1982. He began his career enlisting as a military police officer and attending basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Ala. His first assignment was at Fort Lee, Va

In 1989, Keller earned his bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Studies - Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Before reporting as commander, DDDE, Keller was assigned to the Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. where he served as a sustainment warfighting function chief with Operations Group Sierra.



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