

Warehouse 57 open for business

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Warehouse 57 at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., or DDJC, was officially opened for business during a ribbon cutting ceremony July 31.

Marine Corps BGen Peter Talleri, the commander of the Defense Distribution Center, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

“This building represents the heart of our business and our people – it is efficient...forward focused...mission essential,” Talleri said. “Our commitment to our Warfighters demands nothing less than modern, advanced facilities that enable us to get the supplies our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines need...when they need them...the way they need them.”

Warehouse 57 was established as an active item hub for bulk processing of materiel which accounts for 90 percent of DDJC’s materiel release order activity. Paired with Warehouse 56, it will be utilized to serve as a storage and shipping point for all general purpose bulk materiel.

The 366,000-square-foot warehouse includes two bays of storage utilizing stacking frames for bulk materiel and one bay for storage of bulk materiel with narrow aisle high-rise pallet racks serviced by guided turret trucks.

DDJC’s focus on environmental stewardship also played a role in the design of the warehouse. Motion sensor lighting and water efficient restrooms were installed in addition to using recycled materials during construction.

“Warehouse 57 deems the necessary pomp and circumstance with today’s ceremony. This 366,000-square-foot building was not erected overnight. It took four years of hard labor to complete,” said Army Col. David Rodriguez, DDJC’s commander. “Thank you to all who were involved and took an active part in the construction of Warehouse 57.”



The opening of Warehouse 57 at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., was commemorated July 31 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left to right: Dr. Christine Altendorf, engineer for Project Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District; Paul Epp, president, Biltwell Development; Rod Tatman, site director, Defense Logistics Agency Enterprise Support San Joaquin; Adriaan Adendorff, deputy commander, DDJC; Defense Distribution Center commander Marine Corps BGen Peter J. Talleri; DDJC commander Army Col. David Rodriguez; Joe Perry, chief, Operations Group, DDJC; Alan Peterson, deputy, Warehousing Division, DDJC; Mike Pearrow, supervisor, Warehouse 57, DDJC; Bob Whiteaker, branch chief, DDJC; and Billy Laws, project engineer, DLA Enterprise Support San Joaquin.

Cleanliness rewarded at Norfolk distribution center

By Scott Woosley

Defense Distribution Depot Norfolk, Va., has instituted a quarterly cleanliness award to help improve the safety and efficiency of its operations in support of the war fighter.

The cleanliness award program is an employee-designed and employee-driven initiative developed as part of DDNV’s involvement in the Voluntary Protection Program.

The cleanliness award program involves inspections of targeted work spaces at the end of each quarter using standards that exceed normal day-to-day housekeeping expectations. For example, this quarter’s list of spaces to be inspected may include warehouse areas that have experienced a significant drop in cleanliness due to changes in mission requirements or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the workforce.

The command duty officer and either the deputy commander or commander perform the inspections using a standard grading approach. Various criteria are used

to score an area, such as consistency, safety compliance, and most improved.

“The program is intended to encourage the entire workforce – not just warehouse workers – to take pride in our spaces and raise the bar on our cleanliness standards,” said Navy Capt. Brad Bellis, DDNV’s commander.

“We’ve seen it make a difference in people’s attitudes, and it provides a positive impact on overall safety and hazard awareness in areas that have seen poor trends in safety,” he added.

According to Bellis, safety benefits from cleanliness team efforts have ranged from eliminating piles of broken pallets and furniture, to painting pedestrian walkways, mounting safety placards, and cleaning walls and windows. With the corresponding rise in employee interest and enthusiasm, he says the cleanliness award program is expected to continue to aid in improving safety awareness and maintaining safe working environments well into the future.