

# FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

On June 25, I relieved Brig. Gen. Pete Talleri as DLA Distribution Commander. I am honored that the Director of DLA, VADM Thompson, has given me this opportunity to take the helm of DLA Distribution. I feel privileged to be leading an organization that contributes so significantly to a nation at war.

Over the course of my career I have been on the receiving end of the products that DLA provides and I have always been impressed with the quality of service DLA, and in particular this organization, has delivered. I admire your dedicated and devoted service you provided to the Fleet whether I was submerged on a submarine, provided aviation support to the Marines, led Naval logistics efforts in the Pacific, or provided Humanitarian Assistance in Indonesia after the Tsunami in 2004 and most recently the earthquake in Haiti.

On the first of August, I will be deploying to Kuwait for seven

months to assume responsibility for Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center. During this time period, I will be fortunate to closely observe the transition of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia to a new contractor, the establishment of our Deployable Depot in Kandahar, and the opening of a detachment in Bahrain. I will be in a unique position of holding both the reigns of theater distribution and inventory which will allow me to work with the logistics enterprise to optimize the entire supply chain.

I have directed the DLA Distribution headquarters staff to take the next 180 days to develop a strategy to lead us into the future. This plan will look to improve our operations in three specific areas... effectiveness, efficiency, and our work force. Each of these areas are aligned with the DLA Director's Guidance but will be unique to the contributions that DLA Distribution makes to the overall DLA effort. The plan will focus in three time continuums...



near-term tactical improvements (6 months to a year) that we can move quickly on, mid-term operational improvements (1-3 years) that will set the foundation for future operations and, finally, long-term strategic initiatives that will cross financial time zones. Over the next 180 days I will ask each of you to put forth your thoughts and ideas on how we can formulate and deliver an executable plan for the March 2011 timeframe.

I look forward to working with each of you over the course of the next two years. Stay Safe!

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