

## DDDK Picks, Packs, and Ships First MRO

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Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK), the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) newest distribution center, picked, packed and shipped its first Materiel Release Order (MRO) February 10, 2005. Activated on January 28, 2005, DDDK is DDC's 26th distribution facility. The MRO was for the Air Force.



*Ed Rudy, Don Hernandez and Choe Kwan Sop celebrate the first MRO processed at DDDK.*

DDDK's primary mission is to provide enhanced physical distribution services to the U.S. Armed Forces located on the Korean Peninsula. DDDK will stock more than 14,000 National Stock Numbers (NSN) and will reduce transportation costs and



*Choe Kwan Sop and Robert Wallace pace first MRO.*

customer wait time in support of forces located in Korea.

"It is a great feeling that we now are getting customer orders here in Korea to support the Warfighter!" said DDDK's Distribution Facilities Manager Peter Halseth. "We owe much thanks to all the folks at DDC that devoted many hours in helping to get us to this point."

Great job, DDDK!

## DDC Commander Michael J. Lally, USA, Promoted to Brigadier General

Colonel (Promotable) Michael J. Lally, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on March 7, 2005 in a ceremony officiated by Vice Admiral Keith Lippert, Supply Corps, United States Navy, Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

"Mike has brought much Army experience to DLA, his career is a testament to competence," said VADM Lippert. "Mike has assumed command of DDC at a challenging time and has already made his mark."

"DDC is providing continuous direct support to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). Additionally, he has opened three new distribution centers in the last seven months," VADM Lippert said. "Each of these efforts has saved money and critical aircraft space. He has also improved DDC's inventory accuracy and safety."

"Mike is ensuring that DDC provides critical support to the Warfighter on the ground," VADM Lippert said. "Without DDC, our troops would not have supplies when and where they need them, literally around the world."

After being promoted, BG Lally thanked his family and friends in attendance, as well as the DDC staff. He concluded by saying, "I've signed on for a few more years in the military and I can assure you I'll do my part to take care of the military around the world."

BG Lally graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Transportation Corps. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. His military education includes the Transportation Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Fort Eustis, VA, the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

BG Lally's assignment just prior to DDC was as Executive Officer to the Commander, Army Materiel Command, Ft Belvoir, VA. Previous key assignments include Commander, 309th Transportation Detachment, 11th Transportation Battalion, Ft Story, VA; Chief, Movement Region I, 25th Transportation Center, Yongsan, Korea; Joint Staff Officer and Executive Officer, US Transportation Command (TRANSCOM), Scott Air Force Base, IL; Chief, Operations Research Systems Analysis Cell, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Heidelberg, Germany; Commander, 27th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control), 3rd Corps Support Command, Kaposvar, Hungary and Wiesbaden, Germany; the TRANSCOM Liaison Officer to the Combatant Commander US Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA; and Commander, 1st Transportation Movement Control Agency, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with an Oakleaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.



*Placing his hand on a family Bible held by his wife, BG Lally is sworn in to office by VADM Lippert.*