

SDDC Commander visits Defense Distribution Depot Korea

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Army Maj. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, commanding general of the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command visited Defense Distribution Depot Korea, or DDDK, Feb. 16 to discuss current operations.

DDDK is one of 26 distribution centers managed by the Defense Distribution Center. Gainey commanded DDC from August 2002 to August 2004 during the planning for the DDDK stand up. She was thoroughly impressed with DDDK operations and facilities, describing them as “world-class.”

Gainey sees opportunity for DDDK to grow and provide additional service to customers located in Korea. She is supportive of additional streamlining of distribution.

Gainey lauded DDDK for their inventory accuracy and aggressive commitment to maintaining it.

Pete Halseth, DDDK deputy commander, shared with Gainey that “there have been no reportable safety incidents since activation.” This was a fact that Gainey greatly appreciated since safety was a top priority during her command of DDC.

Gainey also toured the collocated Map Support Office-Korea, or MSO-K. Gainey was pleased with the level of detail MSO-K Chief Roger Weston had readily available concerning planned maintenance for the material handling equipment.

DDDK was established Jan. 28, 2005, based on a support request from the United States Army 19th Theater Support



Army Maj. Gen. Kathleen Gainey, left, commanding general, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, discusses current operations with Pete Halseth, DDDK deputy commander.

Command. DDDK’s primary mission is to provide enhanced physical distribution services to the United States Armed Forces located on the Korean Peninsula. DDDK stocks more than 14,000 National Stock Numbers and reduces transportation costs and customer wait time in support of forces located in Korea.

Saudi Delegation visits center to see how logistic support is provided to war fighters



Army Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, left, commander, Defense Distribution Center, presents a marble triangle etched with the DDC logo to Maj. Gen. Saad Ibrahim Al Thwaini, commander, Royal Saudi Land Forces Logistics. Al Thwaini and other members of the Saudi Royal Land Forces visited DDC Feb. 27 to see how the command functions.