

DDC Commander's Column

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This year has gotten off to an exciting start as DDC continues to be on the leading edge of initiatives to support the men and women of America's military. As an organization, we have continued to make changes to the way we do business in an effort to constantly improve the support we provide.

In March, we conducted a pilot of the USS Harry S. Truman Beach Detachment Materiel Processing Center in Bahrain. This pilot demonstrated that we can provide distribution services to the Navy wherever Navy assets are stationed around the world. It's just another effort we're making to achieve our new vision – "To be the single distribution services provider for DoD ... anywhere in the world, under any condition."

When you read this, the Deployable Distribution Center will have just wrapped up operations in Okinawa, Japan, where it was the subject of a Joint Military Utility Assessment. The personnel of the Deployable Distribution Center are continuing to build on the outstanding reputation they established in an assessment conducted in Korea last year. While in Okinawa, they have helped to establish a permanent Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point (TCSP) that extends our capabilities closer to our Marine Customers who were so impressed with our distribution center operations and TCSP capability at other sites that they asked for one to be established in Okinawa.

We are also continuing to implement the Joint Regional Inventory Materiel Management (JRIMM) program in Hawaii. This program consolidates DDC inventory on the island, shortens customer wait time, and minimizes transportation costs by reducing the number of times items transfer between organizations in the supply chain. This initiative is likely to spread to other regions, so the work you are doing to implement JRIMM now will pay even greater dividends down the road.

The Defense Transportation Coordination Initiative is another program that continues to move forward, improving the way we do business. Many of our distribution centers will implement DTCI in the coming months. This initiative will be beneficial for both DDC and for our customers by providing a



single, one-touch transportation provider for many DoD shipments. In addition to consolidating loads and providing better planning and routing services, DTCI simplifies the process of researching the status of shipments en route to the Warfighter.

We also continue to develop our partnerships with the Services so we can explore more options for increasing our support. They rely on DDC to ensure their readiness and to help them execute their missions effectively. All of you play a key part in that process. Each day, you are actively answering LTG Dail's call to extend the Defense Logistics Agency enterprise closer to the front lines.

The year may still be young, but you already have many noteworthy accomplishments under your belts for 2008! Keep up the outstanding work!

As we continue to move forward, striving to be that single distribution services provider for DoD, effective leadership will be vital – leadership at all levels. I strongly believe that we are all leaders. At one time or another, we are all called upon to unite a group around a common purpose. As those instances arise for you, remember how important your mission is. Without you, America's military would not be the dominant global force it is today.

In an effort to ensure effective leadership at the headquarters level, DDC proudly welcomes two new senior leaders to the organization in 2008. DDC's Deputy Commander, Ms. Twila Gonzales, SES, left in March to take over the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS). Mr. Paul Peters, SES, the former director of DRMS, arrived at DDC as the new deputy commander. He has served in numerous capacities at many levels of the federal government and he will be a true asset to DDC.

We have also learned that BGen Peter Talleri, U.S. Marine Corps, will be DDC's new Commander. We plan to change command in June. He is presently the Commander of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He recently returned from Iraq and brings a wealth of knowledge with him.

Both BGen Talleri and Mr. Peters will be instrumental in perpetuating DDC's reputation for world-class Warfighter support – navigating DDC in the direction of continued success.



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