

DLA Director visits DLA, Naval activities in San Diego



Army Lt. Gen. Robert Dail, second from left, director of the Defense Logistics Agency, walks through San Diego's Materiel Processing Center accompanied by Navy Capt. Jim Piburn, in ball cap, commander; Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, Calif., and Greg Mednick, right foreground, DDDC's deputy commander.

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Defense Logistics Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail recently visited Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, Calif., and some of DLA's Navy customers in the San Diego area. This was his first visit to the region as the DLA Director.

In addition to DDDC, Dail visited two of the larger customers in the region – Commander, Fleet and Industrial Supply Centers, or COMFISCS, and Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and finished his trip with an overnight stay onboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

During his visit to DDDC, Dail was briefed by DDDC Commander Navy Supply Corps Capt. Jim Piburn, who highlighted the outstanding support DDDC provides to its customers, and detailed various initiatives DDDC is pursuing to further extend the DLA enterprise including expanding the services offered by the Material Processing Center.

Dail was impressed with the San Diego DLA activities, conveying to them that he appreciated their hard work in supporting the war fighter.

Commander briefs local chapter of National Defense Transportation Association on future of DDC

By Scott Woosley, DDC Public Affairs

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association held a luncheon at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., recently.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, commander of the Defense Distribution Center, headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa.

Collyar spoke to the gathering about the future of DDC and upcoming changes that will further optimize the movement of cargo throughout the supply chain.

Collyar explained that during the Cold War the logistics strategy was to maintain large, static inventories of supply. Later, the strategy shifted to velocity—moving supplies as quickly as possible.



Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, left, commander of the Defense Distribution Center, explains the future of defense distribution to members of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association. Collyar spoke at the chapter's recent luncheon at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa..

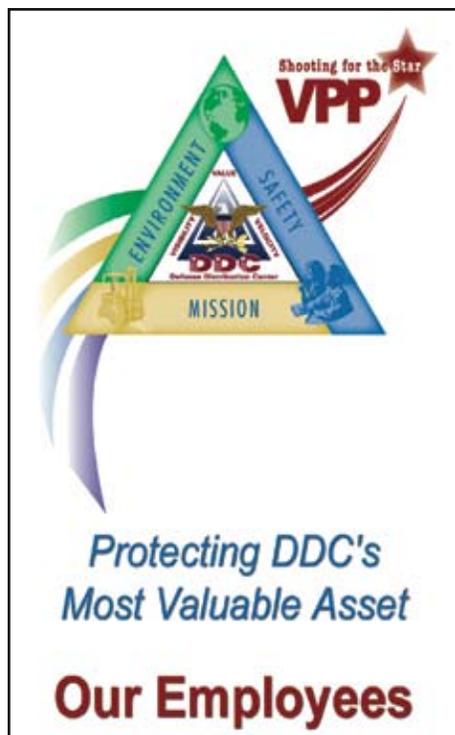
“What we found was that speed wasn’t everything,” Collyar continued. “We’ve moved to an integrated supply chain that is more adaptive to specific needs.”

One of the new initiatives Collyar explained was the Joint Regional Inventory Materiel Management program that is being tested in Hawaii this year. The goal of JRIMM is to consolidate common supply items for all the services in one central area, creating a more efficient supply chain. Consolidating common items will help reduce costs and delivery times, which is important to providing efficient support to American war fighters.

For the war fighter, supply chain certainty – knowing when they will receive specific items – is crucial to effective planning.

“When our customers know that a certain shipment is going to arrive at a certain time, it simplifies their job,” Collyar explained.

The information Collyar provided to the group is important to many of NDTA’s members who work for civilian transportation and logistics companies that provide services to the government.



Commander of Logistics and Medicine Command, Israeli Defense Forces, visits DDC

By Stacy L. Umstead, DDC Public Affairs

The Defense Distribution Center recently hosted Maj. Gen. Avraham Mizrahi, commander, Logistics and Medicine Command, Israeli Defense Forces.

The visit focused on the evolution of DDC and how the Defense Logistics Agency’s lead center for distribution supports the United States’ joint forces.

During the visit, DDC Commander Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar and members of the DDC staff presented

the DDC Today and Tomorrow brief to Mizrahi and his staff. The brief highlights DDC’s decade of change, support to the combatant commands, and tailored distribution services.

After the visit to DDC, Mizrahi and his staff toured the Department of Defense’s largest distribution center, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., where they got a first-hand look at receiving operations, high-rise storage, and the Air Line of Communication pallet-build area.



Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, left, commander of the Defense Distribution Center, and key members of his staff explain DDC’s distribution capabilities during a briefing to Maj. Gen. Avraham Mizrahi, second from left, commander, Logistics and Medicine Command, Israeli Defense Forces.