

Distribution Platforms at Susquehanna, San Joaquin, Warner Robins and Oklahoma City. These sites will be sized to handle the increased workload. Other depots are downsized to become Forward Distribution Points (FDPs) within their region. Red River and Columbus Defense Distribution Depots are recommended for closure. FDPs will retain only the minimum necessary supply, storage, and distribution functions and inventories required to support local customers. Worldwide and redundant inventories will be moved from FDPs to SDPs. Excess FDP infrastructure will be returned to the services.

— **Net Present Value Savings: \$2.9 B over 20 years**

o **Tires, compressed gases and packaged petroleum products transition to Direct Vendor Delivery**

To enhance the effectiveness of logistics support to forces as they transition to more joint and expeditionary operations, SECDEF has recommended that tires, compressed gases and packaged petroleum products be privatized through Direct Vendor Delivery or other performance based agreements. These items are hard-to-handle and take up a significant amount of storage space.

— **Net Present Value Savings: \$.74 B over 20 years**

DLA Director's Message Concerning BRAC Recommendations

By VADM Keith Lippert, SC, USN, DLA Director

Today, the Department of Defense announced its plans for the latest round of base closures under the Base Realignment and Closure Act. Although we are still evaluating the impact of this announcement on the Defense Logistics Agency, I want to communicate directly to the work force about the process and changes that may affect us.

Our primary mission has always been, and will continue to be, providing the best

possible support to America's Warfighters worldwide. That is why we exist, and that is what we do better than anyone else. The only way we are able to perform this enormous mission is with our talented and dedicated work force. While supporting the services is our number one mission — you — the DLA work force and family are our number one resource.

I realize that employees at the sites identified by the list May 13 are concerned about their future and have many questions. But I want to be sure you thoroughly understand the entire BRAC process. First, unlike past BRAC rounds, there was no recommendation list generated by DLA to DOD. Instead, we provided requested information through a series of data calls. The list that was released May 13 is only the recommendations by the Secretary of Defense that was forwarded to the independent BRAC Commission for consideration. By Sept. 8 the BRAC Commission must forward its report to the president. Then, by Sept. 23, the President will accept or reject the recommendations on an all-or-nothing basis and forward the recommendations to Congress. Once the President forwards the recommendations to Congress, Congress will have 45 legislative days to enact a joint resolution rejecting all the recommendations or they become binding on the department.

As part of DDC's effort to help keep you informed about BRAC, DDC will publish The DDC BRAC Update monthly to the DDC intranet: <https://ddcnet.ddc.dla.mil>.

There are also several websites with additional BRAC information:

- www.defenselink.mil/brac
- <https://ddcnet.ddc.dla.mil>
- <https://today.dla.mil>
- www.cpms.osd.mil/bractransition
- www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps

I can't tell you what the final recommended list will look like or what ultimate realignments might be necessary to continue supporting a restructured military force. I can tell you, however, that whatever structure is needed to best support a transformed military, and wherever those restructures might be needed, I am confident DLA will overcome the challenges.

We have been working very hard to make DLA work as one enterprise, one family.

That is how we will make it through these coming months, by supporting our entire family; by providing everyone with all of the information we can and by assisting those employees personally affected by the final recommendations in any way possible.

