

DDSP Breaks Ground for 2nd Largest Warehouse

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Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) broke ground May 3, 2005, on what will be the second largest building on the New Cumberland military installation, a 420,000-square-foot general purpose warehouse containing \$1.8 million in material handling equipment. The contract, funded by the Defense Logistics Agency, was awarded in January to Kinsley Construction Incorporated for more than \$23 million. The building is scheduled to open for occupancy in January 2007, allowing DDSP to consolidate material and improve its processing time.

“This new general purpose, bulk warehouse is a key building block in our depot modernization program. The program

plans to replace six World War I era warehouses with three state-of-the-art facilities,” said DDSP Commander CAPT James Naber, SC, USN.

The 87-year-old structures served the military well but presented limitations as distribution technology developed. The demolished wood and brick structures each contained 202,000 square feet of floor space, with a maximum stackable height of only 12 feet.

The new facility, Building 732, will feature precast concrete panel walls and a steel column supported structure. It will offer 420,000 square feet of floor space and increase the maximum stacking height to 20 feet. Once construction is complete, a material handling equipment project will include a rail-guided, narrow aisle, high-rise pallet storage system, and transporter stations. It will feature six Air Line of Communication pits used to build 463L air

pallets. The facility also includes a 6,500-square-foot administrative annex providing an office area, break and lunch room, restroom and locker rooms, and utility room.

DDSP special operations include the processing of clothing and textiles — all the components of a Warfighter’s uniform. This facility will be used to consolidate and process fast-moving clothing and textiles products under one roof rather than in numerous buildings as it is currently. This operation is a growing mission, and by improving the processing time of this material, DDSP can distribute supplies more efficiently. CAPT Naber said, “DDSP provides essential supplies to the Warfighter here in the U.S. and around the world. The capabilities of Building 732 will allow us to be a better, faster supplier.”



Groundbreaking participants from DDSP, the Corps of Engineers, along with the construction and architect companies involved, represent the teamwork required to produce a warehouse built to support the needs of DDSP and its customers — the Warfighters.

Groundbreaking participants were (left to right): Denise Blanks, DDSP Chief of Distribution Operations; Andy Leitzel, DDSP Deputy Commander; Dallas DiFiore, Kinsley Construction, Inc Project Manager; CAPT James P. Naber, SC, USN, DDSP Commander; Rob Montefour, DDSP Facility Engineer; COL Robert J. Davis, USA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Engineer; John Bush, DDSP Facility Master Planner; Robert Egge, Leo A. Daly Vice President.