

## DDRV Plants a Birdhouse for Earth Day

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*Eastern Bluebirds greet DDRV employees at the door.*

“Instead of a tree, I asked for a bird house,” said Defense Distribution Depot Richmond, VA (DDRV) Director Jerri Taylor.

When DLA Enterprise Services—Richmond (DES-R) asked Taylor where she would like a tree to be planted for Earth Day, she instead requested a birdhouse for the local Eastern Bluebirds that frequent the installation.

“They built the box and put it up, and within two weeks we had squatters,” Taylor said.



*Instead of a tree for Earth Day, Taylor requested a birdhouse.*



*Outside of DDRV is a flowerbed with the DLA logo made of colored stones.*

Adding to the beautiful spring landscape at DDRV is a DLA logo flowerbed made of colored stones and accented with pansies, daffodils and Japanese maple trees.

“It makes it nice to walk by something beautiful on your way to work,” said Taylor. “Don’t you just love spring?”

## DDPH Partners with NEPMUSIX for Earth Day Cleanup

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Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, HI (DDPH) Sailors and civilian employees, in partnership with Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit Six (NEPMUSIX), held a beach park clean-up event to support Earth Day 2005.

This was the second year we have held this event. We see it as a way to stay involved with the community and support

DoD Earth Day participation.

I had the opportunity to coordinate with other commands in the area and arrange the effort with the City and County of Honolulu to remove debris from the Neal S. Blaisdell Park near Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The day started with an early morning kickoff hosted by CDR Joe Vitelli, SC, USN, DDPH Commander. “I came out here today to help out and give something back to the community,” he said. “There is a lot of trash and debris to clean up. It feels good to leave the place better than we found it.”

We cleaned the coastline, park, parking lots and the surrounding area, collecting more than 50 bags of litter and debris.

We hope to adopt the park and maintain it on a monthly basis to keep the Earth Day project and community service ongoing. We have the volunteers willing to work together and keep the park clean, and more families will come to the park if we keep it nice.



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*The DDPH Earth Day clean up team removed trash and debris from a local park.*