



During the mock deployment exercise, DDXX personnel erect a tent to house the operations center.

Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, DDXX will be capable of handling about 130 trucks of supplies each day, providing support to more 200,000 people.

During his briefing, LTC Newton commended the newly-formed team for volunteering for the unique mission, “Each of you bring a characteristic to this mission. My bet is it is an adventurous spirit!”

He continued, “Historical data indicates that the average deployment for this type of mission could be anywhere from 30 to 45 days.”

Salsman provided the new team a basic overview of DDXX’s concept of operations and how it will operate alongside DDC’s FEMA partners. Salsman, no stranger to standing up new organizations, was instrumental in the successful stand ups of DDC’s newest distribution facilities. “Unlike a new stand alone facility, this will not be business as usual,” said Salsman.

In addition, Salsman provided an in-depth briefing on personal deployment preparations including legal and medical responsibilities.

Team DDXX will meet again over the summer for additional training.



Terence Perry of J-6N tests communications equipment to be used during deployment.

DDJC’s Hernandez brings experience to Team DDXX

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Donald Hernandez, Distribution Facilities Specialist, has been selected to lead the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC), 28-member team of the Defense Distribution Center’s newest initiative, the Deployable Distribution Center, or DDXX.

Hernandez began his Federal career in 1970 as a summer hire for the Defense Depot Tracy while attending high school. In 1972, Hernandez enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1975, after serving in the military, Hernandez returned to the Tracy, California area and applied for a Laborer position at Defense Depot Tracy.

Since then, Hernandez has held a total of ten positions ranging from a WG-02 to his current position as a GS-12. Prior to his selection of team lead, he served as the Branch Chief for Team-5 at DDJC. Team 5

consists of four separate organizations: Motor Pool, LTL (Less Than Truckload) Packing, Box Shop, and the Active Item Area where he supervised Motor Vehicle Operators, Material Handlers, Packers, and Woodworkers.



Donny Hernandez

Hernandez is no stranger to deployments. He was instrumental in the success of the stand up of DDC’s forward site in Bahrain, DDZZ, that was deployed in January 2003. He supported Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom until June of 2004. In addition, Hernandez assisted in the stand up of DDC’s 26th distribution facility, the Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK) at Camp Carroll.

“It has been an honor to have supported all the Warfighters around the world, especially my son serving in Southwest Asia,” said Hernandez.

“I was given the opportunity to participate in the stand up of two facilities. During those deployments, I learned and experienced comradeship and the value of teamwork. Most of all, I gained long-term friendships. These values are what I hope to bring to the DDXX team to accomplish our mission,” added Hernandez.

Hernandez is a graduate of the San Joaquin Delta College with a major in Administration of Justice and a minor in Business. He has received numerous awards throughout his military and civilian careers.

Hernandez is a current resident of Tracy, Calif., and has coached basketball, baseball, track and field for the city of Tracy for last 12 years.