

DDC HQ holds Town Hall, introduces new Commander

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The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Headquarters staff gathered Oct. 12, 2006, for a Town Hall discussion and to meet the new DDC Commander, BG Lynn Collyar, USA, who assumed command Aug. 22, 2006.

"I believe work hard, play hard," BG Collyar told the standing-room-only crowd. "You have to have fun at what you're doing. Not every day will be fun, there are bad days. But overall you have to have fun."

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) also has a new Director, LTG Robert Dail, USA, who assumed command Aug. 23, 2006. BG Collyar said that he has worked for LTG Dail before and believes he will do great things at DLA.

BG Collyar said LTG Dail's intent for DLA is to get DLA closer to the customer, build trust, improve demand planning, and leverage the existing infrastructure.

BG Collyar said he and LTG Dail want DDC and DLA to think about the future and where we need to position ourselves for the Department of Defense, for Base Realignment and Closure, and for transformation.

BG Collyar reported that DDC's final workload for Fiscal Year 2006 was 22.7 million lines. This was lower than previous years but he expects workload to go back up for FY07.

In discussing metrics, BG Collyar said, "We are asking people to be efficient but I don't think we should be working on decreasing the time it takes to do our job but on best value. We must focus on best value."

Improving the climate culture at DDC is also important to BG Collyar. "We must continuously take care of our people and continuously improve everything we do. If we continue to improve and continue to take care of our people, everything will come together.



DDC Commander BG Lynn Collyar, USA, addresses the DDC headquarters workforce.

"Take suggestions from your people," BG Collyar encouraged. "No one is as smart as all of us combined. Continue improving what we do."

After his remarks, BG Collyar recognized several DDC employees for their recent accomplishments.

Capt Christopher Esoldo, USAF, was presented the Air Force commendation medal on behalf of the Commander of U.S. Central Command Air Forces.

BG Collyar then recognized Ron Kinnaird, Bob Lehman, and Lori Lucius for their efforts in the successful stand up of DDC's newest capability, the deployable distribution center, or DDXX. Mike Krause, Brian Rose and Darlene Ferrante were also instrumental in the stand up but could not attend the town hall.

Remedios Bowen was recognized for her extraordinary work while assigned at the Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait Southwest Asia, or DDKS, Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point.

BG Collyar then presented several length of service certificates. For 10 years of service, Wendy Evans

and Richard Nash from Logistics Operations and Charles Monroe from Financial Operations. For 20 years of service Gerald Cohoon from Internal Review, and David L. Harris and Keith Harvey from Logistics Operations. For 30 years of service, Cindy Lengel and David Olenick from Logistics Operations. For 35 years of service, Richard Taylor from Enterprise Support, Meril Winnick from Logistics Operations, and John Feiman from Information Operations.

