

DDC's Transportation Planners: Round the clock transportation service

The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Transportation Planning Office provides the full range of transportation planning, information and technical support that delivers effective, efficient and innovative services to combatant commands, military, and other agencies during peace and war. They are responsible for all air and surface clearances, container bookings, and monitoring carrier performance.

In addition, they oversee operations of DDC's transportation optimization tool, the Distribution Planning and Management System (DPMS), which improves cargo movement through the Defense Transportation System.

The Transportation Planning Team briefed the DDC staff at a recent Lunch and Learn on their mission and responsibilities.

The Transportation Planning Team's work allows vendors to contact one central location and get answers to any Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) transportation question. They plan and coordinate the most cost efficient and effective mode of transportation for the movement of DLA assets, inside or outside the continental U.S. (CONUS or OCONUS).

The DDC team provides transportation support not only to DDC shipments, but to all DLA field activities like Defense Supply Centers Columbus, Philadelphia, and Richmond.

"The DDC Transportation Planners have improved the quality of transportation by standardizing business practices and reducing customer wait time," said their Chief, Richard Hawkins.

The office is staffed at least six days a week but is ready to provide round the

clock support if mission demanded. The team is required to provide transportation support within 24 to 72 hours after the request. DDC's Transportation Planners are at 100 percent for all their metrics, Hawkins said.

"The team is cross-trained," Hawkins said, "with multifunctional capabilities providing flexibility for customer satisfaction and supporting surge operations."

Another vital mission that the office supports is DPMS, the Distribution Planning and Management System.

DPMS is a modern distribution planning and management system that enables DDC to better manage the movement of products from vendors and distribution centers to customers resulting in greater coordination, visibility and stock positioning.

DDC's Transportation Planners use DPMS and help vendors use DPMS to print military shipping labels. Printed with current addresses, the shipping labels also help reduce frustrated freight.

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DDC Lunch & Learn tests employees' DDC knowledge



Who was DDC's first Commander? Deputy Commander? Name the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) Strategic Distribution Platforms (SDPs) – present and future. Those were some of the questions at October's Lunch & Learn session hosted by the DDC Command Affairs Office.

In conjunction with DDC's 9th Anniversary, and the Defense Logistics Agency's 45th Anniversary, Command Affairs Officer Jackie Noble provided the DDC command brief to the attendees. The briefing highlighted the DLA Enterprise, DDC's history, its distribution network – past and present, current goals and initiatives, and, of course, DDC trivia!

DDC prizes were awarded to the lucky winners of each trivia question and a bonus prize was presented to the employee with the longest service in DLA.

activity, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing System Most Efficient Organization (DRMS MEO), acting as its Transportation Office with the responsibility for the movement of DRMS property from generating sites and cross-dock sites directly to a hub/open site,” said Sherri Troup, DDC Traffic Management Specialist.

The team also began supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2006. FEMA has an agreement with the DDC for rapid movement of material from preposition storage sites to the FEMA Logistics Center, Troup said.

This year alone, the DDC Transportation Team has moved more than 5.3 million MREs, or Meals Ready to Eat, from distribution centers and vendor warehouses to people that needed them. They also supported during Hurricane Ernesto by moving 4 million MREs from distribution center and vendor warehouses to people in need.



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New Contractor GENCO performing mission work at DDDC

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In March 2006, GENCO, a supply chain solution company headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa., became a Logistic partner to Defense Distribution Depot San Diego, Calif. (DDDC).

For 100 years, GENCO was known as a commercial industry leader in supply chain management that provided logistics solutions and technology to nationally recognized retailers and manufacturers including Sears, Kmart, Target, Best Buy, Master Lock, Unilever, Levi Strauss

and Hershey. In 2002, GENCO made a strategic decision to broaden its business scope and offered logistical solutions to meet the needs of government agencies.

“GENCO is very honored to be able to provide depot management for the Defense Distribution Center. We look forward to working with DDC and the United States Navy to improve operating processes and efficiency in support of our nation’s greatest asset...the men and women of our armed forces,” said GENCO Chairman Herb Shear.

DDDC located on Naval Station San Diego, is one of the most mechanized centers in DLA. DDDC performs standard distribution operations to include Emergency Supply Operations Center, receipt, store, ship, and issue, with related functions to include trans-shipment, preservation, packaging, packing, and marking, care of supplies in storage, and reclassification.

As a part of this mission, DDDC provides tailored distribution services through the Material Processing Center, which serves as a centralized receipt activity for afloat customers in the San Diego area.

Items processed at the distribution center include depot-level repairables, electronics, hazardous material, ship and aviation repair parts, and small boats/amphibious craft. DDDC predominately handles Navy owned /managed material.

Among DDDC’s primary customers are the homeported ships in San Diego and the major shore commands representing all services, NADEP, Southwest Regional Maintenance Center and other smaller activities in the Southwestern United States.

A large portion of DDDC’s business is receiving, storing, and issuing depot-level repairables for one of the Navy’s largest repair facility, Naval Aviation Depot North Island.