

DDC Commander's Column

By BG Lynn Collyar, United States Army

Defense Distribution Center, I am honored to be serving with you. The DDC Team is doing great things right now and I know we will do even better things in the future.

I have had a chance to visit a few distribution centers already and I am impressed with the workforce and with the work you are doing. I have met many dedicated individuals and I know our customers are in good hands.

This is my first joint assignment, my first time at the Defense Logistics Agency. I have previously been a commander of a Company, a Battalion, and a Brigade. Most recently I worked at the Pentagon as the Chief, Focused Logistics Division, Force Development, Headquarters, Department of the Army G8.

My philosophies are pretty simple. I believe work hard, play hard. 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.

To be able to work hard and play hard, you have to be fit and healthy. I want each of you to take care of yourselves and be as fit, healthy, and safe as possible. Our team can't be in top form if some members are sidelined from injury or illness.

There is an excellent leadership team in place at DDC. I want you to know that our leadership team will do the right thing. We will make the tough decisions.

You probably know that DLA also

has a new Director, LTG Robert Dail, USA, who assumed command Aug. 23, 2006. I have worked for LTG Dail before and he is a great man. DLA is in good hands and under his Command we will move forward quickly.

LTG Dail's intent for DLA and my intent for DDC is for us to get closer to the customer, build trust, improve planning, and leverage our existing infrastructure.

One really important thing that we all need to do is think about the future.

You are doing excellent work today but we need to be sure we will be doing not only the same excellent work but also the right work in the future.

We need to figure out where we need to position ourselves for the Department of Defense, for Base Realignment and Closure, and for transformation. I want

you to be efficient but I don't think we should be concentrating on decreasing the time it takes to do our job as much as focusing on best value to our customers.

We must continuously take care of our people and work to improve everything we do. If we continue to improve and continue to take care of our people, everything will come together.

I ask supervisors and leaders to take suggestions from your people. Not one of us alone is as smart as all of us combined.

Keep up the good work and I look forward to meeting everyone.

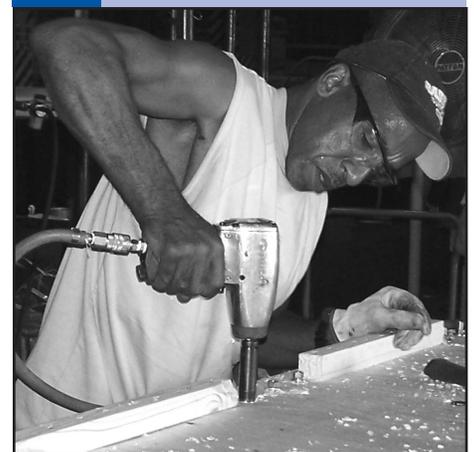
Wishing you a safe and happy holiday!



4 Collyar assumes command of DDC



8 Deployable Distribution Center performs Exercise



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