

DDSP recognizes prisoners of war and those missing in action

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Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP), paid tribute to America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action when it hosted a POW/MIA Recognition Day observance in September.

The keynote speaker was Col Frank J Sullivan, USAF, the Commander of the Mission Support Group, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command, Middletown, Pa.

Several family members of military members who have been listed as Missing in Action attended the ceremony along with local invitees. Among them, the wife of a local Air Force Lieutenant

Colonel, who has been missing in action since 1966, expressed the emotion of the crowd as she was presented with a white rose by the master of ceremony CWO Kevin Wood, USA.

DDSP Executive Officer, CDR Emery Kutney, SC, USN, presided over the remembrance observance. He and a local American Legion Auxiliary President laid a wreath near the installation's memorial stone for the nation's POW/MIAs.

The wreath dedication was followed a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps." As a flock of doves were released and soared high above, a bagpiper played taps.

Land of former distribution center offered for sale

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With environmental remediation efforts complete, nearly 40 acres of land belonging to the former Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Tenn. (DDMT), is now available for sale to the public.

Since DDMT was closed in 1997 as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act of 1995, DDC has been working with the

Army and the Memphis community to prepare the land for transfer. The parcel of land available for sale by the Army, the eastern portion of Dunn Field, was used for above-ground storage and as an Army training area that included a pistol range.

According to Mike Dobbs, Chief of DDC's Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office, lead was found in the ground at the former pistol range, but it has been removed. "The parcel of land that is up for sale has been deemed suitable for unrestricted reuse, meaning it can be used safely for any purpose."

More than 75 percent of the property of the main installation has already been transferred and transformed into a business park employing more than 1,000 people.



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