

## Colors passed at Anniston

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Army Lieutenant Col. Robert A. Harney, Jr., relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Anniston, Ala., to Army Lt. Col. Robert E. Gagnon in a ceremony July 24. Harney completed a tour of just more than two years and heads to the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

“It seems like only yesterday when I stood before you, humbled by my command selection, with a simple vision to leave this organization a better place than I found it,” Harney said as he addressed the audience during the change of command ceremony. “It’s been the people who have made my tenure most memorable.”

Harney’s efforts resulted in significant improvements in the command climate and performance of DDAA during his two years in command. He handled an inventory valued at more than \$7 billion and managed a budget that exceeded \$23 million.

He was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony by Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander, Defense Distribution Center, who presided over the ceremony.

“His leadership also improved the command climate at DDAA by 460 percent—the largest improvement in any DDC agency,” Collyar said. “He fostered an atmosphere of employee empowerment.”

Collyar added that those changes helped DDAA to amass an outstanding customer support record and helped the organization to exceed every Defense Logistics Agency performance metric for 23 consecutive months and counting.

“Rick, we are sad to see you go,” Collyar added. “Good luck and Godspeed.”

Gagnon, who takes command of DDAA after serving in Afghanistan as the deputy commander of the 10th Joint Logistics Command, Combined Joint Task Force-76, also thanked Harney for what he accomplished while leading DDAA.

“Rick, thanks for setting me up for success through your tremendous work here,” Gagnon said. “I am extremely excited about the opportunities here and look forward to working with all the members of the team.”



Lt. Col. Robert A. Harney Jr.



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