

## DDMA workforce trains new commander

After assuming command of Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, Navy Cmdr. John Palmer spent several hours each day learning the warehouse processes at DDMA. The effort was called “Train the New Commander Week.”

Palmer received an orientation and did hands-on training in the nine major functions in the warehouse: receiving, stowing, selection, packing, less-than-truckload, or LTL, small parcel shipping, inventory/location surveys, re-warehousing and replenishment/salvage.

The DDMA workforce moves an average 4,300 lines of material each day. They were excited to have the opportunity to show the new commander the distribution operations and felt that immediate exposure to the personnel and processes would help him understand all areas of the operation.

George Gropsorean, DDMA late shift supervisor, said he was “honored to have the Commander work with them.



Otis Scott, left, shows Navy Cmdr. John Palmer, right, commander, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, how to receive materiel at DDMA.

He is a people person. Learning from the experts on the floor will make the Commander knowledgeable of how we do business.”

“It’s good for workforce to see who is leading them and know that he is interested in their work,” said Ronnie Jenkins, DDMA Inventory Operations.

Frankie Thomas, LTL Section, said, “Cmdr. Palmer now knows his maps and how to read stock numbers, look for lines, how to read tickets. I thought



Steven Baumgartner, left, shows Navy Cmdr. John Palmer, right, commander, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, how to package maps.

it was fantastic how he wanted to learn. We will be happy to do it again.”

“I have always believed when you begin a new job, it is important to meet people and learn processes quickly,” said Palmer. “With ‘Train the Commander Week,’ we were able to do both. The men and women at DDMA do a superb job, and I’m proud to join their team. Their training gives me better insight and will help us all to better support our war fighters.”

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