

DDMA establishes Map Support Office Council

Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, or DDMA, located in Richmond, Va., announced the establishment of the Map Support Office Council on August 10. The MSO Council membership consists of the officers in charge of the nine Map Support Offices located in four states and five other countries around the world.

“Our Map Support Offices are DDMA’s extension of the DLA enterprise to our war fighters and combatant commanders,” said DDMA’s Commander, Navy Cmdr. John Palmer. “The MSOs provide face-to-face, world-class training and expertise to our fighting forces on a daily basis. In addition, the MSO workload alone averages about 135,000 lines annually, which rival many of the other distribution centers managed by the Defense Distribution Center. The MSO Council will provide an avenue for information transfer and standardization of processes across our Map Support Offices.”

The MSO Council’s first order of business was to elect their leadership. Navy Lt. Steve Lewis from MSO Hawaii and Kieth Putnam from MSO Japan were unanimously elected as co-chairmen by the council members.



Navy Lt. Steve Lewis, MSO Hawaii



Keith Putnam, MSO Japan

Palmer praised the selection of the council’s first leaders, “Lt. Lewis and Mr. Putnam are superb choices to lead the MSO Council. Both have a great deal of experience in day-to-day MSO operations and have been integral in special functions such as combatant commander interaction, war reserve activation exercises, and the ongoing MSO movement from Bahrain to Kuwait. Under their leadership, the MSO Council is in great hands.”

Ray recognized for aiding new delivery process



Army Sgt. Rebecca Ray receives a coin from Army Lt. Col. Lance Koenig, commander, Defense Distribution Depot Europe. Koenig presented Ray with the coin on behalf of Navy Rear Adm. Mark Harnitchek, commander, U.S. Central Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center. Ray, who was detailed to the Defense Distribution Center’s Transportation Planning Team, was instrumental in the success of a new process to move cargo from European vendors to war fighters in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Reserve Affairs team recognized for outstanding support

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The Commander of the Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team in Kuwait honored the Defense Distribution Center Reserve Affairs and Mobilization division with an American flag and certificate of appreciation Nov. 19.

“Sue Alpaugh and her team were instrumental in the successful deployment of 30 percent of my unit and many other reservists from the DDC reserve units,” commended Navy Capt. Carl J. Stewart, commander, DLA Contingency Support Team – Kuwait.

He added, “They are just great Americans and recognizing them is the right thing to do.”