

DDC Chief of Staff gives local Lions Club glimpse of installation's past

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In honor of Veterans Day, Defense Distribution Center Chief of Staff Army Col. Perry Knight described the support provided by the Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., since World War I to members of a local Lions Club Nov. 13.

According to Knight, the installation's rich history includes serving as a camp for German prisoners of war during World War II, an aircraft maintenance facility during Vietnam, the site of the largest warehouse in the Department of Defense, and the location of the Defense Distribution Center headquarters.

"The installation in New Cumberland had humble beginnings, but over time the mission has grown," said Knight. "Today, we have a profound global impact."

In support of the War on Terrorism, said Knight, the distribution network overseen by DDC headquarters has shipped more than 20 million orders to America's war fighters.

Knight also described the

installation's economic impact on the community – infusing nearly \$300 million into the local economy each year and providing about 3,000 jobs.

Knight contributed the success of the installation to the loyal, patriotic workforce, "Just like the Lions Club, our people are the backbone for everything we do."

DDC's global network of 26 distribution centers employs nearly 8,000 people worldwide. For more than a decade, DDC has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits,

and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. DDC's customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.



Defense Distribution Center Chief of Staff Army Col. Perry Knight describes the support provided by the Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., from World War I to the War on Terrorism to members of the Harrisburg, Pa., Lions Club Nov. 13.



The Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa., has supported every major conflict since 1918 including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and the War on Terrorism.