

“Strategically Speaking”

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Warfighter Support Enhancement

Today’s business practices demand that we do processes smarter and cleaner. Meaning, when we begin any major tasking, we actually do a “Lean Six Sigma” process scenario and figure out how quickly we can resolve workloads more effectively. Initially we take a full circle picture of the task at hand and formulate a plan of attack and execute that plan. When at our home base, DDRT, we take the opportunity to practice those different ideas and mold them to fit the flow needed to expedite the product out to the Warfighter or, with the FEMA scenario, the family in need of water and food. From the beginning of the team conception in May 2006, we knew that we would make a difference in a “BIG” way and it has certainly been that and more.



Stewardship Excellence

This year is poised to be the year of “Fast and Furious” learning and planning to meet and exceed goals for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicles for the program at DDRT. The United States is ramping up MRAP M all terrain vehicle deliveries for down range and our team is certainly helping the home distribution facility clear the warehouses for more efficient utilization of storage area. We must do this as effectively and as efficiently as possible. We are confident that we will continue to meet our goals because we know the importance of complete dedication to ensure our American Warfighters have the best and at the best value. We are always looking for ways to better serve our troops and one way is building “support kits” that can be expedited to the field to equip the Warfighter with options and flexibility. We often have training sessions to try to “think outside the box” and attempt to foresee needs and envision problems around the corner.

Workforce Development

Our safe work areas are of paramount concern to our management team. With leaner times ahead, we increase our flexibility in our processes through the voluntary protection program and Lean processes. We have two members that attend weekly VPP Steering Committee meetings to ensure valuable insights are brought back to our weekly organization meetings. We, in turn, discuss where our team can feed back into VPP their concerns and recommendations.

Customer Engagement

It will be DDED’s honor to go to Afghanistan this year. We have been engaged in intensive training to ensure we comply with U.S. Central Command requirements. This will be a great opportunity to support our Warfighters up close. Recently, we preformed a pre-deployment exercise and walked through the process of setting up an austere operation, such as the upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. We know confidently with our management team will lead the way and WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

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