

## Supply chain management highlighted during ICAF visit

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The Industrial College of the Armed Forces, or ICAF, recently visited the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, to discuss DDC's role in supply chain management and receive a tour of the Defense Distribution Depot, Susquehanna, Pa., or DDSP, Eastern Distribution Center, or EDC.

United States Army Col. Clayton T. Newton, DDC chief of staff, opened the visit by highlighting the DDC distribution centers. "We have 25 distribution centers all over the world, and today you are in our flagship center," said Newton. "I was lucky enough to serve as commander of Defense Distribution Center Kuwait, and I know you will be very impressed with the distribution services we provide to the Warfighter around the globe."

United States Navy Capt. (Sel.) Michael Hansen was on hand to answer questions from the Strategic Plans, Customer and Supplier Engagement directorate. Hansen discussed DDC's support to Combatant Commands as well as DDC's role in supporting efforts in Afghanistan.

After receiving a command brief from DDC's public affairs officer Stacy Umstead, the group toured the EDC. Led by DDSP deputy commander Ed Visker and public affairs specialist, Sherre Mitten-Bell, the group observed firsthand the operations of DDC's largest distribution facility, including the new hydrogen refueling stations, the high rise storage and retrieval system, air lines of communications pallet build area and the consolidation and containerization point processing.

ICAF helps to prepare selected military and civilians for strategic leadership and success in developing our national security strategy and in evaluating, marshalling and managing resources in the execution of the strategy. Their visit to DDC aimed to help prepare students in the supply chain management class by giving examples of distribution excellence within the Department of Defense.



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