

Political appointee visits Defense Distribution Center

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An Obama Political Appointee visited the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, Oct. 15 to receive a command brief and tour the Defense Logistics Agency's lead center for distribution.

Jordan Kaplan, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, was briefed as to where DDC falls into DLA's organizational structure and how its operations uphold the Agency's mission of logistics combat support. The discussion was led by Stacy Umstead, public affairs officer and also joining them was former DDC chief of staff and former commander of Defense Distribution Center Susquehanna, Pa., or DDSP, Chris McKelvey, deputy director, Naval Acquisition Career Center.

The briefing was followed with a tour of DDSP's



Pictured are Jordan Kaplan, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, and former DDC chief of staff and former Defense Distribution Susquehanna, Pa., commander Chris McKelvey, deputy director, Naval Acquisition Career Center.



Stacy Umstead, Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, public affairs officer, provides a command brief to Jordan Kaplan, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition and former DDC chief of staff and former Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., commander Chris McKelvey, deputy director, Naval Acquisition Career Center.

Eastern Distribution Center, or EDC, where Kaplan and McKelvey observed some of the highlights of the EDC, including the high rise storage and retrieval system, the hydrogen refueling station, and the consolidation and containerization point processing operations.

Kaplan has worked on political campaigns for the last seven years. He was the Illinois finance director for then Senator Obama's 2004 campaign; finance director for Hopefund, a political action committee chaired by President Obama and during the 2008 Presidential Campaign he was the Illinois/Part Midwest finance director for Obama for America. Following the 2008 Election, he worked on the Obama-Biden Transition Project as finance director.