

DDC's Acquisition Operations Directorate celebrates FY09 successes and prepares for 2010 with focus on DLA Director's Guidance

On Oct. 8, the Defense Distribution Center, or DDC, Acquisition Operations office celebrated "Employee Appreciation Day," which was coupled with a Town Hall during which director Gene Surmacz reintroduced the 2010 DLA Director's Guidance and updated employees on several ongoing initiatives within the Directorate.

After employees participated in a picnic lunch, Surmacz welcomed employees, thanking them for their hard work throughout the year, and reminding them of the importance of their support to DDC mission and alignment with the Director's Guidance.

"As you are all aware, the Warfighters' current logistics needs and future challenges are growing and acquisition policies are rapidly changing to meet these challenges. By maintaining our focus on Warfighter Support Enhancement, Stewardship Excellence and Workforce Development, I have no doubt we will be well prepared to meet our desired outcomes," said Surmacz.

"You all have worked to improve procurement processes throughout DDC," said Surmacz, "Your innovation and expertise in the

procurement field is second to none."

With the recompetition of the contract for Defense Distribution Depot, Kuwait, Southwest Asia, Afghanistan planning, depot operations recompetitions and Base Realignment and Closure contracts, and procurement of distribution supplies, the Acquisition Directorate has seen their busiest year ever.

In FY09, all obligations were awarded resulting in over 3100 actions valued at over \$215M, with 23% of the actions and 37% of the dollars awarded in August and September. "Our team expertly managed the procurement processes and resources delivering effective contracts at optimal costs," said Surmacz.

Surmacz continued highlighting the team's success of their past year including the implementation of the Continuing Government Activity, or CGA Oversight Program, which monitors the CGA oversight activities at contractor and Most Efficient Organization operated depots. "There has been significant improvement in the number of CGA surveillances conducted and the quality of documentation."

The program has been so successful that the number of surveillances conducted based on scheduled surveillances increased from 70% to 90% over the past year. Concurrently, the quality of the surveillance documentation increased from 44% to 86%. "This program is ensuring that the services being provided conform to the quality requirements of each contract," said Surmacz. "This allows the DDC to deliver agile and responsive logistics solutions."

Acquisition Operations continues to train and develop CGA members through the CGA Training Academy. The Academy provides members the opportunity to learn tools to perform all aspects of a comprehensive Quality Management System at their respective distribution sites.

"Support to the Warfighting customers is our number one focus," said Surmacz. "It drives everything we do. We are linked to DLA's focus areas and priorities and prepared for the challenges ahead."

