

# DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., supports humanitarian efforts in Nicaragua

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Recently, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., had a special opportunity to expand support beyond the Warfighter to those in need in Nicaragua. As part of the Denton Humanitarian Assistance Program, more than three tons of medical supplies and other equipment, as well as vehicles including a fire truck and a Land Rover were donated by a local fire company to help relief efforts in a country where there is no available location to purchase firefighting or first responder resources.

“The Warner Robins Air Freight Terminal requested assistance in preparing the Hazardous Material Declaration Forms needed to ship the vehicles and

other miscellaneous hazardous items such as breathing systems for firefighters via military air transport,” said Braxton Glover, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., acting transportation officer. “With the help of our Transportation Office and our Hazardous Material certifiers, we were able to complete the needed forms to support this important mission.”

In addition to the Hazardous Material certifications, DLA Warner Robins, Ga., also assisted with pallet inventoring and pallet building for shipment. “This was a great opportunity to successfully test the recent training our Consolidation and Containerization Point team completed in pallet build-up,” said Robert Stewart, DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., distribution facilities supervisor.

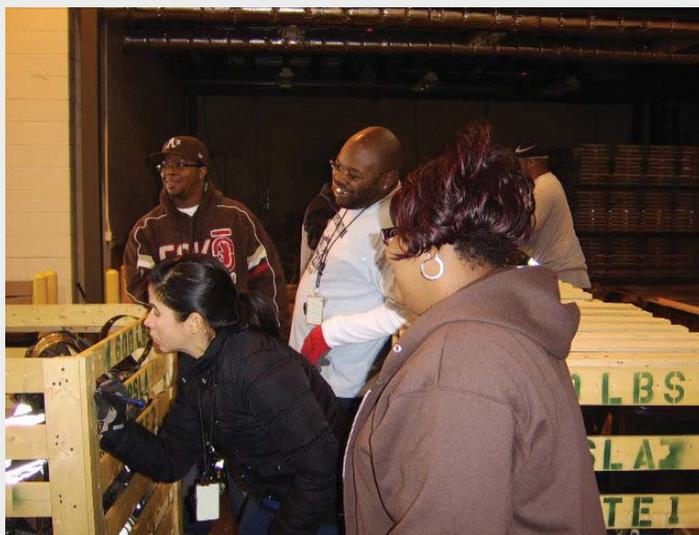
“We completed an inventory of the pallets because they contained air breathing systems for firefighters, and after we completed the inventory and built the pallets for shipment, our

Hazardous Material team prepared and certified everything for shipment.”

Nicaragua is not able to purchase much needed supplies for firefighters. Many of the fire stations in the United States have been upgrading materials such as hoses, personal safety equipment, and fire trucks, and have a surplus of used items that cannot be utilized at their home station. These items are extremely valuable in Nicaragua, where many firefighters do not have proper equipment.

The Denton Program allows private United States citizens and organizations to use space available on United States military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods, such as clothing, food, medical and educational supplies, and agricultural equipment and vehicles, to countries in need. The program is jointly administered by USAID, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense. In FY2008, more than 600,000 pounds of humanitarian goods were sent to 17 different countries through the Denton Program.

“While DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Georgia’s, part may seem small, without our efforts, the mission would not have been able to go in the timeframe necessary, our part was critical for pallet building and certification,” said Glover.



**DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., employees work to build pallets for humanitarian assistance in Nicaragua.**