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AN UPDATE FROM THE DLA DISTRIBUTION COMMANDER

Hello from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

My tour as Director of Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center is coming to a close and I continue to be in awe of the outstanding support DLA Distribution is providing to the military around the world and specifically to the Warfighters here in Theater.

The majority of DLA Distribution's expeditionary team returned home around the holidays after having executed their mission of setting up a distribution capability in Kandahar, Afghanistan. BZ to each member of the team! What a tremendous job and what an imprint they have made in the DLA history books.

That distribution capability transitioned to a contractor-operation Jan. 1. The contractor will continue to maintain forward positioned stock and provide multi-modal distribution services to US Forces operating in the US

Central Command Area of Responsibility.

DLA Distribution volunteers are on site working with the contractor and monitoring day-to-day operations. Since the first MRO drop in July and with over 520 National Stock Numbers on hand, Kandahar has processed over 4,000 transactions to date. I continue to receive positive feedback from our CENTCOM customers. We are making a difference in the fight.

At DLA Distribution Headquarters, the staff has been working tirelessly to support my interim direction as we continue to build the DLA Distribution Strategic Vision that aligns us with the DLA Director's Strategic Plan and his Annual Guidance. I will finalize and issue my Annual Guidance shortly after my return.



Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently issued a memo to all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Civilians of "Log Nation" thanking each for their service (See next page). Each one of you is a part of the "Log Nation" and I commend you on a job well done and look forward to your continued support. BZ!

See you soon and stay safe,

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