



DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., increases operational efficiencies by reaching BRAC goals

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For DLA Distribution, Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, 2005 is about realignment and consolidation. At its conclusion, the materiel movement plan will transform supply, storage, and distribution management by significantly reducing infrastructure while providing regional support to the Warfighter worldwide. To help meet this plan, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., has completed turn-ins by reducing covered storage at the distribution center by over 701,000 gross sq. ft.

At the beginning of the process, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., had over 2.4 million gross sq. ft. of storage space, and achieved a total end state of just under 1.7 million gross sq. ft. To accomplish the storage space reduction of 788,000 gross sq. ft., DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., worked to move DLA and Services dormant stock (both serviceable and unserviceable materiel) to DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., as well as dispose of dormant stock. Additionally, an aggressive rewarehousing effort took place that not only improved efficiency, but also aided in reduction of infrastructure.

“Gary Vice, my lead for the BRAC mission, did an outstanding job in coordinating and controlling the operation to ensure that DLA Distribution Anniston, Alabama, accomplished the mission to standard and ahead of the scheduled time,” said United States Army Lt. Col. Wayne Bondy, Jr., DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., commander. “Additionally, we have some great workers that were given the task to physically work the materiel and get the mission done. Overall, this was a phenomenal effort accomplished by some very dedicated and excellent people. A job well done.”

The movement of materiel between DLA

Distribution Anniston, Ala., to DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., began in June 2009, and was completed in October 2010. The materiel movement was a closely coordinated effort between the BRAC teams at DLA Distribution headquarters, Anniston, Ala., Warner Robins, Ga., and the Services BRAC personnel.

The materiel movement to DLA Distribution Warner Robins, Ga., consisted of over 14,000 National Stock Numbers and over 15,500 Stock Transfer Orders for a total of over 459,452 cube. Over 85,000 cube were shipped of DLA materiel and over 374,000 cube of Services materiel totaling over 320 truckloads. In addition to BRAC shipments, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., was able to dispose of over 316,000 cube of dormant stock through Disposition Services.

“Shipments of dormant stock and disposal of materiel through Disposition Services will result in a tremendous savings in storage cost to DoD customers,” said Gary Vice, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., BRAC manager.

DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., has completed several storage optimization and rewarehousing projects to aid in the process. Optimization occurs when DLA Distribution rewarehouses and/or executes projects to change configurations or install better storage aids to perform the distribution mission. The result is improved operational efficiency within the remaining footprint needed for the remaining mission.

DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., optimized rack items from outlying warehouses by moving items to a central rack storage location in of the distribution center’s largest bulk and rack storage warehouses. Single pallet bulk locations



The DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., BRAC team.

were rewarehoused from outlying bulk warehouses to rack storage, resulting in more available bulk space. All fast-movers were rewarehoused to the central receiving and shipping building to improve production and cut down on shipping time. The binnable area was optimized by relocating small amounts of materiel from racks in order to free up rack space. All rack locations were planographed in order to improve efficiency. For NSNs that had more than one location, items were consolidated to one location, and also rewarehoused by commodity (for example, all engines and transmissions were rewarehoused together). Finally, the distribution center coordinated with Inventory Control Points for shipments in excess of 316,000 cube of dormant stock to Disposition Services in order to free up space.

At the beginning of the BRAC 2005 initiative, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., occupied 52 buildings. Through the process, DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., was able to reduce infrastructure by 19 buildings, and return the buildings back to the host, Anniston Army Depot. DLA Distribution Anniston, Ala., was successfully able to reduce gross sq. ft. by 701,000, and 33 retained buildings, resulting in improved operating efficiency, directly impacting Warfighter support enhancement.