

DLA's largest distribution facility assembling new Combat Lifesaver Kits

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Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., or DDSP, the Defense Logistics Agency's, or DLA's, largest distribution center, is assembling new Combat Lifesaver Kits destined for Army customers in Southwest Asia.

The portable lightweight kits contain 21 different components necessary for soldiers to treat the severely wounded. Medical supplies such as bandages, gauze, scissors, splints, blankets and gloves are some of the items that make up the lifesaving kits.

"DDSP medical kit assembly personnel are averaging over 60 kits per day with over 400 assembled within the last week, said George Hillman, DDSP supervisory distribution facilities specialist .

Requisitions for the new configuration of the Combat Lifesaver Kit are part of a larger customer requirement,



Combat Lifesaver Kits are packed by Corey Leese, material handler for Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna in New Cumberland, Pa.

"DDC is in the process of assembling over 5,000 First Aid Kits and over 7,500 Combat Lifesaver Kits," said Tony Miller, DDC's Kitting program manager. "Our distribution facility in Hill, Utah, is currently assembling the prior configuration of the Combat Lifesaver kit."

services. "DDC collaborates with customers to create kits of items designed for a specific purpose," said Miller. In the past, our customers would requisition numerous items and assemble their own kits. By DDC performing the kitting operations for them, our military customers can focus on their mission."

The Defense Distribution Center provides various types of tailored logistics services for military customers. Customized kitting is one of those

DDC assembles over 54 different types of medical kits and in FY09 almost 32,000 kits were assembled and shipped to military customers worldwide.

In addition to medical kits, DDC assembles other specialized kits to include maintenance tool kits and deployable medical units, or portable hospitals, which are assembled at the Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah.



The Army's reconfigured Combat Lifesaver Kits include 21 components.