

“Strategically Speaking”

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Warfighter Support Enhancement

As the J-9 chief of Military Manpower and Logistics Division, I have the opportunity to partner with joint reserve commands and key stakeholders throughout the world. These key stakeholders include the United States Army Reserve Command, United States Marine Corps Reserve Command, Air Force Reserve Management Group, Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit and various Naval Operational Support Commands. The ability to work with these commands ensures that DDC remains at the forefront of planning, training and mobilization opportunities for our members.



It is imperative that the reserve force maintains the capability to meet expected and emergent Warfighter requirements. Our agile force is Warfighter focused and globally responsive which is key to continually meeting the customer where they are as the footprint shifts in theater. Having the right person, at the right place at the right time ensures a positive outcome for the customer.

Stewardship Excellence

Utilizing reservists to provide operational support to DDC and the depots pays big dividends. For the reservist, operational support provides invaluable training which allows them to become part of a tailored, worldwide Department of Defense distribution network that delivers effective, efficient and innovative support to customers. Additionally, they are gaining additional skills and in many cases afforded the opportunity for cross-level training. Finally, an opportunity is created for the members to train and work in a joint environment which is favorable across the services.

For DDC, operational support provides several cost saving benefits. It fosters an opportunity to not only utilize the military expertise of the reservists but also leverage their civilian skills, thereby allowing DDC to do more with less.

Workforce Development

DDC J-9 was named by DLA as the Center of Excellence, or COE, for training and readiness, and serves as the lead organization in DLA responsible for creating the processes, procedures and management tools to achieve the highest standard of training and readiness.

As the COE, DDC develops curriculum, training strategies and individual training plans for all of DLA's over 700 reserves. These tools ensure that DLA's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines are not only trained for successful depot and deployment missions, but it also ensures that when their tour of duty with DLA is over, they will then be DLA ambassadors as they move on to their new units.

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