



# DDDE breaks ground on future logistical hub of Europe

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On Mar. 30, the Defense Distribution Depot Europe broke ground on the Logistics Distribution Center Europe, a 250,000 sq. foot distribution center which consolidates receiving, storage, issues, crossdocking and transportation operations in one facility. Defense Distribution Center commander United States Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri officiated the ceremony, which celebrated the first action toward the creation of the future logistical hub of Europe.

The facility supports European Command transformation plans, reducing Defense Logistic Agency's footprint by 40,000

gross sq. feet and represents the first important phase of a multi-phased effort to support the Army's strategic consolidation efforts for all of the Department of Defense warehousing distribution in Germany.

In his remarks, Talleri addressed the footprint reduction, saying "Quite the remarkable facility, the Logistics Distribution Center Europe will allow for the consolidation of high activity items under one roof rather than being dispersed in numerous locations throughout the mission area."

Centralizing all DDDE operations from over 12 different locations, the additional state-of-the-art mechanized operations

and storage space will serve to reduce or eliminate multiple handling of stock, and will also provide Hazardous Material storage.

Continued forward stock positioning will result in \$1 million cost avoidance per month using surface vice air from the Continental U.S. to meet EUCOM demands, as well as space for the receipt of retrograde materiel under the growing serviceable excess program, allowing for increased support to the responsible drawdown in Iraq.

Defense Logistics Agency Enterprise Support director Air Force Col. Thomas Laffey took a moment to highlight the environmental benefits of the new facility, remarking, "The design features many energy saving initiatives including a Bio-Mass Heating System, which is anticipated to result in cost avoidance of over \$3.5 million over the first 15 years."

Other environmental sustainment features incorporated into the design elements include: a roof that can be retrofitted with solar panels, skylights to capture natural light, bike racks for healthy commuting, and land placed in conservation to offset the footprint of the new construction.

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streamlined processes will ensure that DDDE is further able to provide seamless joint theater distribution, and innovative support of DLA and Service-managed materiel to all four service component warfighters serving throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East,” said Talleri.

The Defense Distribution Depot Europe, located in Germersheim, Germany, is

one of DDC’s 25 distribution centers. DDC, headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

DDDE provides initial surge capability during the transition to war phase, seamless joint theater distribution, and innovative support of DLA and Service managed materiel to all four service component Warfighters serving throughout

Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Current commodities distributed by DDDE are repair parts, barrier and construction material, clothing and textiles, packaged POL, operational rations, and humanitarian relief support.

Since Fiscal Year 1999, DDDE has processed over 4 million transactions in support of military customers in EUROM, AFRICOM and CENTCOM.



Participants in the ground breaking were, from left to right, Brian Burkholder, Defense Distribution Depot Europe deputy commander, United States Army Col. John Kem, Army Corps of Engineers commander, Army Lt. Col. Steven Keller, DDDE commander, Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Peter Talleri, Defense Distribution Center commander, Air Force Col. Thomas Laffey, Defense Logistics Agency Enterprise Support director, and Stefanie Poulsen, DDDE facility engineer.