

DDGM celebrates first anniversary

By Deb McBeath, DDGM Deputy Commander

Members of the Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas (DDGM) gathered on October 28th to commemorate the first anniversary of the distribution center.

DDGM was officially established on Oct. 1, 2004, as the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC's) 25th distribution center. DDGM works in close concert and coordination with the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

DDGM Commanding Officer CDR Bill Nash, SC, USN, was the keynote speaker for the afternoon's festivities. CDR Nash praised the efforts of the DDGM Team, stating, "As a direct result of your hard work and efforts, high priority and routine processing times have been significantly reduced; and inventory sample validity is at 100 percent across the board."

He continued, "For comparison, the

wall-to-wall inventory validity was below 87 percent when DDGM stood up a year ago, and we have made significant improvements in our denial rate."

The formal ceremonies were concluded with a cake cutting and a renewed commitment to partnering by Debra McBeath, DDGM Deputy Commander, and Phil Dodderidge, Eagle Support Services Vice President.

The primary mission of DDGM is to provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the armed

forces located in Guam. The major commodity positioned and distributed by DDGM are repair parts in support of the Pacific submarine fleet and its partnered tenders based in the Marianas region. Strategic positioning in the Marianas results in reductions in transportation cost and customer wait time for all four

service components in the Department of Defense in support of the Warfighter operating in and around the Marianas area of responsibility.

DDGM has rapidly expanded to more than 10,000 line items of inventory, and plans are currently underway with the U. S. Marine Corps and U. S. Air Force operations in the region that will guarantee further expansion and growth for the organization.



Eagle Services Vice President Phil Dodderidge and DDGM Deputy Commander Debra McBeath cut the cake during the anniversary celebration.



Team DDGM

Back row left to right: Jerry Brown, Transportation Officer; Deneen Brown, Safety and Security; CDR Bill Nash, SC, USN, DDGM Commander; Debra McBeath, DDGM Deputy Commander; Diana Tabunar, Administrative Support

Front row, left to right: Dave Palomo, Quality Assurance Evaluator; Macy Cruz, Lead Quality Assurance Evaluator; Ruth Maggs, DDC Acquisition Office; Maria Santiago, Quality Assurance Evaluator; Lenard Dela Cruz, Information Technology.

DDC's newest site celebrates first year of operation

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK) marked one year of operation Feb. 6 in a ceremony officiated by DLA Director VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN.

"You have all done a super job over the past year. Well done," commended VADM Lippert.

DDDK provides logistics support to military customers in Korea as well as forces fighting the Global War on Terror.

Since the site was activated Feb. 1, 2005, DDDK has processed more than 100,000 customer orders for the nearly 13,000 items stored there.

"Fast paced" is how DDDK Deputy Commander Pete Halseth describes the first year. "We hit the ground charging forward at initial operations capability Feb. 1, 2005, and since that date, with DDC by our side every step of the way, we've met every challenge head on with success."

DDDK is the Defense Distribution Center's (DDC) most

recently established site. As part of a global stock positioning strategy to place highly demanded supplies closer to overseas customers to reduce shipping costs and customer wait time, DDC has established four new distribution centers in Italy, Kuwait, Guam and Korea in the last two years. DDC now operates 26 distribution centers around the world.

"By positioning stocks forward here in Korea, we have reduced requisition wait time by 50 percent and freed



Marking the first anniversary of Defense Distribution Depot Korea (DDDK) with the customary cutting of the cake, from left to right: DDDK Commander LTC Jim Lippert, USA; DLA Director VADM Keith W. Lippert, SC, USN; DDDK Deputy Commander Pete Halseth; Korean Executive Administrator Sim Hong Taek.