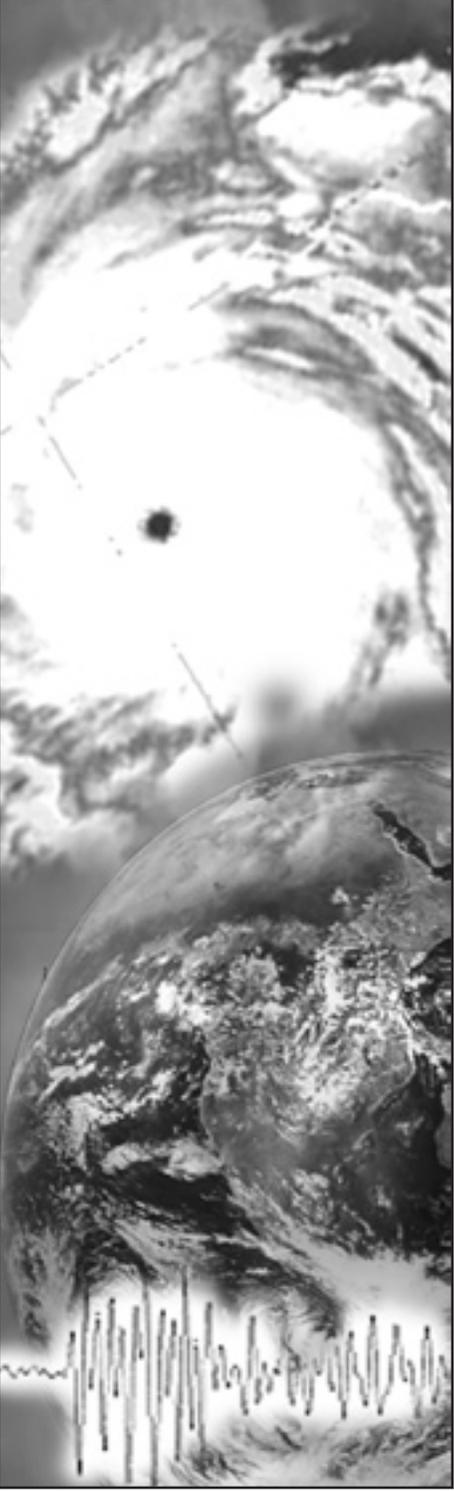


Disaster Relief



DDAG responds to request for assistance, sends humanitarian aid to Pakistan

By Jessica Walter, DDC Command Affairs

“Within 24 hours of receiving the request for assistance from the Humanitarian Assistance Program [HAP], we had arranged transportation for 12 truckloads of materiel,” said Rita Varner, Deputy Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Albany, Ga. (DDAG).

Since the October earthquake that killed nearly 40,000 and injured 62,000 more, the 2 million homeless survivors in Pakistan have been searching for shelter from the harsh Himalayan winter.

Working in tandem with HAP, DDAG coordinated transportation to send more than 11,000 sleeping bags, nearly 9,000 blankets, almost 1,000 cots and close to 200 tents to Dover Air Force Base to be flown to Pakistan.

“The temperatures in that region are only about 40 degrees right now, so we were glad to play a part in getting these supplies to the earthquake victims as quickly as possible,” said Varner.

DDAG also shipped 346 boxes of armor to protect military assisting with the relief effort.

Additional DDC components Defense Distribution Depots Richmond, Va. (DDRV); Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP); San Joaquin, Calif. (DDJC); and Europe (DDDE); also provided support to the earthquake victims.

DDSP sends 340 air pallets of humanitarian aid to Pakistan

By Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDSP Public Affairs

Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa. (DDSP), supported U.S. military relief operations in Pakistan following the earthquake that devastated South Asia last fall.

“We received the request for blankets and tents through the Humanitarian Assistance Program late on Friday. Working on a holiday and over the weekend, our employees built and shipped 340 air pallets of the material by the following Wednesday,” said Andy Leitzel, DDSP Deputy Commander.

The air pallets were trucked to McGuire Air Force Base to be flown to Pakistan as arranged by U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM).

DDSP operates a long-standing Consolidation and Containerization Point (CCP) that processes materiel, often received in from other Defense Distribution Center (DDC) facilities, for overseas shipments.

The CCP process provides a unique capability of building 463L air pallets. Some of the relief material destined for Pakistan was stock pulled at Defense Distribution Depot Columbus, Ohio (DDOO), then sent to DDSP



DDSP Army Riggers build air pallets loaded with boxes of blankets and tents destined for Pakistan.

to be loaded onto 162 of the air pallets.

The remaining 178 air pallets were built from stocked material located at DDSP. “The project required an impressive, combined effort from employees on all shifts and several functions, including our group of Army Riggers. Air pallets consisting of humanitarian aid were built at four different building locations in order to expedite the request,” said Leitzel.



DDSP employees built and shipped a total of 340 air pallets of humanitarian aid material in less than six days.