

First pallet of UGR-Es built at DDJC

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Members of the Unitized Group Ration mission in Warehouse 4 of the Operations Group, assembled and built the first pallet of Unitized Group Ration-Express, or UGR-E, Type 1 meals at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif., May 31.

UGR-Es are the latest development in heat and serve meals developed by U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center-Natick and will feed 18 personnel in the field, and are especially useful when there is no field support, power, or kitchen equipment available.

The UGR-Es heat mechanism is activated by the pull of a tab and they heat in 30 to 45 minutes.

The UGR-E module is a complete meal. It contains four tray packs which



DDJC team members with the first pallet of UGR-Es that they assembled.

include a main dish, vegetable, starch, dessert, snacks, beverages, and the dining trays as well as utensils.

DDJC is currently building dinner menus that are being shipped to Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, the team has

completed nearly 200 pallets consisting of more than 3,000 modules.

The DDJC team was excited to build their first pallet of UGR-Es. DDJC is currently the sole provider of this type of meal.

Inventory accuracy key to readiness

By Jonathan Lontoc, DDYJ Public Affairs

If you've ever tried to keep track of your CD or DVD collection, you can understand the frustration involved to make sure all your treasured possessions are accounted for.

Now try keeping track of over 58,000 line items in 32 storage sites at three major locations with supplies ranging from high dollar electronic parts to pharmaceuticals and hardware to consumables. It's a feat not easily accomplished, but not an impossible task for Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan's, inventory count team and storage personnel.

DDYJ has achieved a 100 percent inventory accuracy rate for two major inventories over the past two months—TPIC-N Statistical Sample Inventory and



Members of DDYJ's Inventory Division count team inventories SUBSAFE Level 1 material. Left to right, Morimichi Omata, Morihiro Tatara, and Yuuichi Hashimoto.

Subsafe Level 1 inventory. According to Inventory Division Deputy Director Julio Quijano, it was a combined effort of the Storage Division and the Inventory Division that allowed them to achieve the 100 percent accuracy rate.

The Type Physical Inventory Code-N, or TPIC-N, is an accuracy sample inventory used to gauge performance, measuring the accuracy of inventory records for supplies that meet predetermined criteria. Although DDYJ has always met the mandated goal of 95 percent, this is their first year achieving 100 percent accuracy according to Yoshito Sato, supply systems analyst for the Inventory Division.

The Subsafe Level 1 Program, a quality assurance program, consists of materiel that is certified and tracked to ensure quality system stock to support the submarine fleet. A submarine incident most familiar to the Navy community was the loss of the nuclear submarine USS Thresher and its crew. The Thresher sank when a welded joint failed, causing a series of events that prevented the submarine from surfacing. It was because of incidents such as this that the SUBSAFE Level 1 Program was implemented.

Supplies such as metal piping, fasteners, and screws as well as supplies used for the repair and maintenance of these controlled items are examples of some of the kinds of materiel tracked under the SUBSAFE Level 1 program.

What does achieving a 100 percent accuracy rate mean for Subsafe? It means DDYJ continues to do its part to ensure the reliability of this quality assurance program, decreasing the chance that a ship or submarine will be lost due to a failed part critical to maintaining the vessel's water-tight integrity. Since SUBSAFE's inception, no SUBSAFE-certified submarine has ever been lost.

DDYJ continues to do its part to ensure it stays that way.

As DDYJ enters its eighth year of operation under the Defense Logistics Agency, it continues to exceed expectations and set new goals. As a result, the high standards maintained by DDYJ are reflected in the ability of the U.S. Armed Forces to maintain readiness throughout the globe.

Dail praises DDYJ and DLA performance, affirms future

By Jonathan R. Lontoc, DDYJ Public Affairs

Defense Logistics Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail communicated his thoughts on the direction that the agency will be heading over the next few years during a recent visit to Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan.

"Many have the impression that DLA existed only within the confines of the continental United States," said Dail, who then clarified that the impact of what DLA does goes far beyond the home front, extending throughout the Pacific and around the globe with customers in Europe, Southwest Asia, and wherever military members are serving.

He went on to say that his trip underscored the tremendous capabilities of DLA, emphasizing that they represented the power of the people that serve with the agency.

Recalling the Yokosuka distribution

center's former place as a U.S. Navy logistics enterprise, he focused on the Agency's challenge to take the people of DDYJ, now a Joint United States Military enterprise, and organizations like it around the world, and empowering them to exercise their global mission everyday.

"The Defense Logistics Agency needs to go beyond managing supplies and suppliers and become an organization that will connect those suppliers with the demands of the customer, today and in the future," said Dail.

The key, according to the general, is extending their capability out to the field where their customers operate, calling it the "nuts and bolts" of DLA's business.

He went on to highlight the importance of DDYJ's presence in Yokosuka, envisioning future opportunities to reach out and connect with the U.S. military services throughout Japan and globally, foreseeing even larger contributions over the next decade.

Dail concluded his remarks by voicing the tremendous reputation that DDYJ has with the agency back in United States and stating that



DLA Director Army Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail, addresses the employees of Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan.