

Navy Cmdr. Al Swain assumes command of DDGM

Cmdr. Nash moves to new position at FISC, Norfolk

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Navy Cmdr. Alvin Swain assumed command of the Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas, in an official ceremony May 25. Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, Commander of the Defense Distribution Center headquarters, presided over the ceremony. Relinquishing command of DDGM was Navy Cmdr. William Nash.

During his opening remarks, Collyar gave accolades to Nash and his DDGM team blended of military, civil service and logistics partner Eagle Support Services. "The accomplishments of DDGM during Bill's tenure are impressive, to put it mildly. His professional skill, leadership and ceaseless efforts were crucial to the successful standup of DDGM."

Collyar continued, "DDGM's tenacious efforts to improve inventory performance, accuracy, and customer support, resulted in improved cargo velocity, enhanced asset visibility, and increased time-definite delivery of cargo to the war fighter. Together, you have laid a solid foundation for continued success in the years to come."

During his tenure, Nash forged partnerships with all Guam customers and worked extensively with Commander, Naval Forces Marianas, Andersen Air Force Base, Office of Secretary of Defense Deputy under Secretary of Defense, and local Guam customers in direct support of the Joint Region Marianas Executive Committee in order to develop a plan for a single joint distribution network for all Department of Defense components on Guam, with DDGM as the system process owner. Nash's next assignment will be with the Fleet Industrial Supply Center in Norfolk, Va.

Swain, DDGM's new commander, is a native of Fayetteville, N.C., and enlisted in the Navy in June 1981 as a Seaman Recruit. In 1991, he was commissioned through the Limited Duty Officer Program



DDC commander Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar charges Navy Cmdr. Al Swain with responsibility of command of Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas, by passing him the organization flag.

as an Ensign in the Navy Supply Corps. Prior to his commission, he held the permanent grade of Chief Petty Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of Phoenix and a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

Swain comes to DDGM after having served as the Academic Director, Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga.

Swain's sea duty assignments include USS Ranger, USS Acadia, USNS Sirius, Stock Control/Material Officer onboard USS Okinawa, Stock Control/Material Officer onboard USS New Orleans, Readiness Officer onboard USS Belleauwood, and Supply Officer onboard USS Vincennes.

Swain served in the Navy Stock Fund Division of the Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; as Director Combat Logistics Division and Supply Management Inspector for Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; as Combat Logistics Force Officer and Logistics Planner for Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific/CTF 73 in Singapore.

His personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (nine awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit commendations. He is qualified as a Naval Aviation Supply Corps Officer and as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer.

New commander at DDYJ

DDC bids farewell to Cmdr. Will Clarke and welcomes Cmdr. Paul Bourgeois

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Women in kimonos presented gifts bidding farewell and welcoming new faces.

It was change of command time at the Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan. In a ceremony held May 23, Navy Cmdr. Will Clarke handed the reins of DDYJ to Cmdr. Paul Bourgeois.

During the ceremony, Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, Commander for the Defense Distribution Center, outlined the accomplishments of Clarke and the DDYJ team, "Clarke led DDYJ in managing over \$500 million in critical repair parts and supplies resulting in almost \$1 million worth of requisitions to local and transiting warships in the Seventh Fleet and over 100 Defense Department industrial shore activities and military bases throughout Japan, Singapore, Diego Garcia and the Middle East."

Clarke's next assignment will be as the Chief, O&M Budget, J05 with the United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii.

Collyar welcomed Bourgeois and provided a little background on the Bourgeois family Naval legacy, "Paul is a third generation Naval officer. His father spent 30 years as a Naval Dental Officer. His grandfather is a retired Rear Admiral and spent 33 years as a Naval Supply Officer. Just in the Bourgeois family alone there is over 81 years of Naval experience!"

As Bourgeois assumed command of his new team, he emphasized his commitment to the DDYJ mission, "I look forward to building on the foundation Cmdr. Clarke has turned over. I look forward to working closely with the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Forces, fellow commanders afloat and ashore and fellow supply officers. It is through your help and the hard work and dedication of the DDYJ team that we all will succeed."

Bourgeois was born in Cavite City, Luzon, Republic of the Philippines. He is a 1985 Graduate of Ledyard High School in Ledyard, Connecticut, a 1989 graduate of