

SUPPORTING *The War Fighter*

Distribution centers support readiness by streamlining stock

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Defense Distribution Depots Tobyhanna, Pa., and Puget Sound, Wash., are partnering with other local agencies to reduce the amount of outdated and unused stock at their locations in support of Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, initiatives.

“A key objective of BRAC is to increase the readiness of America’s military,” explained Air Force Col. Arnold Flores, chief of the Defense Distribution Center’s Distribution Re-engineering office, “and drawing down the levels of dormant stock at the distribution centers allows us to significantly contribute to the military’s overall efficiency.”

Through a collaboration with the Tobyhanna Army Depot and the Defense Reutilization and

Marketing Service, or DRMS – a sister organization to DDC, the Tobyhanna distribution center was able to dispose of 1,800 field-worn containers previously used to house surveillance and communications systems.

According to DDTF Deputy Commander John Heuberger, the containers will be shipped to the Navy where they will be used for training exercises.

Two outdated propellers weighing a combined 18 tons were taken off the books at Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, Wash. Both of the props were used on Naval vessels that have since been decommissioned. One was used on a World War II-era ship, the other used on a nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser in the 70s. DRMS



A propeller whose vessel has since been decommissioned is readied for shipment from Defense Distribution Depot Puget Sound, Wash., to a Mississippi propeller manufacturer.

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“Working with the services, our centers, and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, we are striving to reduce our footprint in many key locations,” said Flores.



As part of an effort to dispose of dormant stock at Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, Pa., about 1,800 field-worn containers previously used to house surveillance and communications systems will be sent to the Navy for use in training exercises.