

DDSI celebrates three years of war fighter support, reveals renovated warehouse

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Employees of the Defense Distribution Center's 23rd distribution facility, Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy, or DDSI, marked the facility's third anniversary with a renovation ribbon cutting ceremony April 2.

"DDSI has gone from a WWII-era warehouse to a world class distribution facility, utilizing state-of-the-art materiel storage, movement, and tracking equipment, minimizing customer wait time, reducing transportation costs, and increasing customer confidence," said Navy Cmdr. Mark Semmler, commander of DDSI.

Since its activation April 1, 2004, DDSI has pursued an environment of continuous improvement.

"We've been a key distribution partner for the services in the European Command," Semmler said, "and we've already started gearing up to do the same for the up and coming Africa Command. This successful renovation project is an important enabler."

DDSI's primary customers include the Aviation Support Division, Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Division, and Navy ships and squadrons operating in and through the Mediterranean region.



Renovations to the building include the addition of braces for the walls, support struts, an upgraded roof, new office spaces, enlarged break and locker rooms as well as the complete replacement of electrical wiring, lighting, and fire suppression systems.