

DDC HQ Naval Officer promoted to Captain

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Navy Supply Corps officer Kent Vredenburgh was promoted to the rank of Captain during a ceremony held at the Defense Distribution Center Apr. 20.

“We promote based on the potential to do the job at that rank,” said DDC Commander Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar during his remarks.

“Kent has a wide breadth of experience at sea, ashore, CONUS and OCONUS,” Collyar continued. “He definitely has the capability to do the job.”

Vredenburgh served four years with DDC beginning in 2003 when he became the Commander of Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan. In 2005, he joined the DDC headquarters staff, serving in the logistics operations and strategic planning directorates.

After the epaulettes were exchanged and the oath was read, Vredenburgh took the podium to thank all those who contributed to his success. “This occasion allows me to reflect on all those years of molding that got me here. I didn’t do it by myself.”

He described how much he enjoyed his tour at DDYJ. “I felt like I was really contributing to the effort. I had a great team and a great deputy.”

During his tenure at DDYJ, he established one of DDC’s best inventory integrity programs that consistently exceeded inventory accuracy goals – ensuring the war fighters’ items were ready for quick distribution.

With Vredenburgh at the helm, DDYJ also boasted one of DDC’s best safety records and some of the highest climate and culture scores throughout the Defense Logistics Agency.

His deputy commander at DDYJ, Joe Graff, now working at DDC headquarters, said that the climate and culture survey responses from DDYJ employees were a direct result of Vredenburgh’s ability to strike the perfect balance between taking care of his people and the mission. “He is very adept at recognizing the strengths of his employees, his team,” said Graff.

In May, Vredenburgh left DDC to become the Comptroller for the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Central Command.

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DDC Commander Army Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, left, and Vredenburgh's wife Evelyn, right, replace the epaulettes on Vredenburgh's uniform to display the rank of Captain.

Semmler selected to rank of Captain



The Secretary of the Navy has selected Cmdr. Mark E. Semmler to the rank of Captain. Semmler is currently serving as the Commander of the Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy, located on Naval Air Station Sigonella on the island of Sicily.

“This promotion represents the efforts of many people. I owe it to the countless fantastic Sailors and civil servants over the years that have selflessly contributed to this honor,” Semmler said.