

## Commander of Korean distribution center retires

Army Lt. Col. James Lippstreu retired June 29 after more than 26 years of combined active duty and National Guard service.

During a ceremony presided over by Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander, Defense Distribution Center, Lippstreu was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Lippstreu assumed command of Defense Distribution Depot Korea when it opened in January 2005. During his time in command of DDDK, Lippstreu developed a responsive and efficient facility that received four consecutive inventory accuracy awards. DDDK also reduced transportation costs and delivery times in theater.

Lippstreu's career began when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Wisconsin National Guard in 1984. Since that time he has served in a number of key billets, including a tour as an inspector with the Department of the Army's Inspector General's office.

He has also served several tours in Korea, including assignments to the 2nd Infantry Division, the 19th Theater Area Army Command and the 20th Area Support Group.

He is a graduate of the Army Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Service Staff School and the Command and General Staff College.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, Lippstreu's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.



Army Lt. Col. James Lippstreu, right, commander, Defense Distribution Depot Korea, retired during a June 29 ceremony at Camp Carroll, Korea, after more than 26 years of combined National Guard and active service. Presenting Lippstreu with his Certificate of Retirement is Army Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander, Defense Distribution Center.

## Navy Chief served with pride



After 20 years of service in the United States Navy, Storekeeper Chief Petty Officer Jelmer Zimmerman concluded his career as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of Controlled Medical/Depot Level Repairable Material for Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan. He left some words of wisdom for the younger sailors: "Always have pride and professionalism in your life and you will succeed."

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