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### **Butler, Pa., Marine Corps officer to open Our Community Salutes Pittsburgh Marathon**

**New Cumberland, Pa. – (April 30, 2010)** Butler, Pa., native and United States Marine Corps officer, Maj. Gen. (select) Peter J. Talleri will open the Our Community Salutes marathon in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 2.

Our Community Salutes of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a non-profit organization created to recognize and honor graduating high school students (and their parents) who plan to enlist in the armed services after graduation.

The U.S. military will join together to honor those who are currently serving, those soon-to-be enlistees and those who have served during the marathon. The run will be staffed with over 100 military volunteers from all branches of service.

“Everyone enlisting in the U.S. military has one important thing in common; all volunteer their service to their country. Some, however, do even more. They join agencies to help better their surrounding communities by continuing their volunteer commitment to their country,” said Talleri.

The support of the Pittsburgh marathon is part of a week-long celebration. For the first time this year, over 200 schools in Pennsylvania will make a difference through Our Community Salutes of Pittsburgh.

Talleri is the commander of the Defense Distribution Center in New Cumberland, Pa. and is responsible for a global storage and distribution network holding inventory valued in

excess of \$98 billion through fixed and deployable infrastructure and expeditionary personnel. DDC operates 25 distribution facilities worldwide and deployable depot capability, with approximately 10,000 civilian, military, reservists, and contractors.

As DDC commander, Talleri has been instrumental in enhancing Warfighter support by extending DDC's logistics role and ensuring full integration into Combatant Command operational plans. The innovation implemented at DDC has brought significant improvements to the military supply chain and has enabled DDC to optimize its global distribution system.

For more than a decade, DDC has been offering best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. DDC operates a global network of 25 distribution centers. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

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