

Distribution Center Anniston, Alabama

OPSAIL 2000 - DDAA Was There in Spirit

It all began with a request from TACOM to select the "BEST OF THE BEST" Interior Bay Bridges (50 ea) and Ramp Bay Bridges (10 ea) to be shipped to New Jersey for the OPSAIL 2000 Celebration to be held on Independence Day, July 4, 2000 in New York Harbor.

This was business as usual except for that one request "BEST OF THE BEST". In order for DDAA to fulfill this request, 31 ea Interior Bay Bridges had to be unloaded from Bridge Carriers by DDAA-W storage personnel. The mission was quickly handled and the Transportation Division, in conjunction with MTMC, was able to find carriers willing to take these oversized loads up the eastern seaboard.



OPSAIL 2000 was a huge success, with over 70,000 tall ships, Aircraft Carriers, Battleships and commercial crafts from 60 countries participating in this gala affair. With all of this water traffic, a record number of Coast Guard ships were needed in the New York Harbor. This is where the bridges came in. The Coast Guard used them for docking their vessels while not in use.

July 4th, 2000, Independence Day, with many vessels passing in review of "Lady Liberty". What a majestic sight it was and "DDAA WAS THERE"!

Okay, so we really weren't there in body, but we were there in spirit and so were our materials.